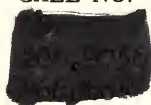


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MINUTES

OF THE

Stony Fork Baptist Association

NORTH CAROLINA

Eightieth Annual Session 1941

The eightieth Session was held with Sandy Flat Baptist Church
Tuesday and Wednesday, September Sixteenth
and Seventeenth, 1941

The eighty-first Session to be held with New Hopewell Baptist
Church, September 15th and 16th, 1942

Rev Roscoe Greene to preach Annual Sermon
Rev. B. F. Wilcox, Alternate

**STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ORDER OF
BUSINESS, 1941 SESSION**

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 16th

Theme. "The Uplifted Christ"

- 9:00- 9:30—Devotional
9:30-10:00—Election of officers
10:00-10:30—Address of Moderator and Roll Call
10:30-11:00—Benevolence
11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon
 Noon recess
1:00- 1:15—Devotional
1:15- 1:45—Missions
1:45- 2:15—Woman's Work
2:15- 3:00—Duties of Pastors and Churches
3:00- 3:30—Closing worship

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 17th

- 9:00- 9:15—Devotional
9:15-10:00—Digest of letters
10:00-10:45—Sunday Schools
10:45-11:30—Christian Training
11:30-12:00—Religious Literature
 Noon recess
1:00- 1:15—Devotional
1:15- 2:00—Temperance
2:00- 3:00—Reports, Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Time,
 Place and Preacher, and Resolutions
3:00- 3:30—Closing Worship

DIRECTORY

Officers of the Association

Rev. Lee J. Church, Moderator ----- Summit
N. L. Harrison, Clerk, Treasurer ----- Blowing Rock

Executive Committee

Olen Miller, Chairman ----- Triplet
Roscoe Greene ----- Stony Fork
J. A. Hallifield ----- Blowing Rock
I. H. Henderson ----- Blowing Rock
Tilden Isenhour ----- Blowing Rock

Nominations

Missions ----- R. L. Barnes
Hospital Director ----- F. L. Hampton
Orphanage Director ----- V. C. Cox
B. T. U. Director ----- Christine Harrison
W. M. U. Director ----- Mrs. G. W. Gragg
Sunday School Director ----- N. L. Harrison
Baptist State Convention—W. D. Ashley, Lee J. Church, Roy
Keller and N. L. Harrison

Ordained Ministers

Ashley, W. D. ----- Blowing Rock
Brown, A. M. ----- Boone
Brown, W. M. ----- Blowing Rock
Barnes, R. L. ----- Boone
Beshears, N. C. ----- Summit
Church, J. W. ----- Summit
Cook, W. J. ----- Boone
Greene, Roscoe ----- Deep Gap
Greer, R. G. ----- Fleetwood
Gilley, W. M. ----- Boone
Hendrix, Theo. ----- Stony Fork
Keller, Sam ----- Shulls Mills
Mann, J. C. ----- Banner Elk
Robbins, Ed. ----- Blowing Rock
Triplett, Carl ----- Zionville
Triplett, Ben ----- Deep Gap

Watson, G. M. ----- Boone
 Wilcox, B. F. ----- Blowing Rock
 Wilcox, J. H. ----- Summit

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

BOONE'S FORK—J. A. Hollifield, W. F. Davis, Herman Coffey
 and Reece Moody
 BAILY CAMP—Stewart Ford, Vernon Bolick and Ransom
 Harmon
 DOE RIDGE—Kenneth Brown, Russell Greene and Ben Hardy
 GRANDMOTHER GAP—Roosevelt Gragg, Mary Gragg, Isa-
 bella Gragg
 HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—W. H. Byerly, D. L. Chester and Willie
 Coffey
 LAUREL FORK—Thomas Triplett, S. C. Ford and Frank
 Holder
 MT. VIEW—Judd Galds, Reed Greene and Charlie Smith
 MT. EPHRAIM—Olin Miller, Conley Waters and V. C. Cox
 MT. PARAN—Jasper Greene, G. D. Watson and Mrs. Annie
 Watson
 MT. VERNON—Clide Bentley, Milton Gragg and Roy Keller
 NEW HOPEWELL—L. E. Gragg and Argie Gragg
 ROCK VIEW—Johnie Hodges, C. E. Hodges and Lonnie Carl-
 ton
 ROCK SPRINGS—W. G. Woods, Hamp Triplett and Mrs. Della
 Triplett
 SANDY FLAT—I. H. Henderson, S. T. Isenhour, and Seldon
 Wright
 WATAUGA—W. B. Parsh, L. B. Gragg and Otho Andrews
 YELLOW HILL—W. C. Church, N. C. Michael and Aldrien
 Greene

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1941

Morning Session

The Stony Fork Baptist Association in the eightieth annual session with the Sandy Flat Baptist Church, Blowing Rock, N. C.

This eightieth Session was opened by singing, "Precious Memories," and "A Beautiful Life," led by Lee J. Church.

Devotional by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, reading Hebrews, the second chapter, followed by prayer.

Then the Session was called in conference with Rev. Carl Triplett, moderator, for transaction of business and the time being expired of the present officers, the Association proceeded to elect new officers with Dr. I. G. Greer and Rev. R. H. Shore as Tellers, and Rev. Lee J. Church was elected Moderator and N. L. Harrison clerk-treasurer. Then after the address of Moderator, the Roll Call and nominations, visitors were called for and we gladly received Dr. I. G. Greer from the Mills Home, and Rev. J. C. Pipes from Buncombe Association, Rev. Dan Wheeler from Swannee Association, Fla., Rev. W. H. Byerly and Rev. W. B. Bryant from Caldwell Association, and Rev. R. H. Shore, Rev. N. M. Green, and Moderator S. C. Eggers and Rev. J. M. Hodges from Three Forks Association.

Next report on Benevolence was read by Rev. G. M. Watson and spoken to by G. M. Watson, Roy Keller and Dr. I. G. Greer, and following report was adopted.

BENEVOLENCE

Under this name we help support the Mills and Kennedy Homes, our Hospital and the Old Ministers Relief, by our free will offering each month, together with our Thanksgiving offering. These worthy objects afford every true Baptist believer to find a challenge. Children at the Orphanage, sick people at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem and the Old Ministers Relief should appeal forcibly to each and all of us, and I hope we will consider each worthy object more seriously.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. WATSON, Comm.

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Next the annual Sermon by Rev. Roy Keller. Subject: "What Think Ye of Christ," Rev. Theo Hendrix, the appointee, being absent.

Recess.

Afternoon Devotional conducted by Rev. W. B. Bryant. Subject: "The Key to the Kingdom of God," after which the congregation sang the song, "Remember Me."

Next the Report on Missions read and spoken to by Rev. J. C. Pipes and N. L. Harrison. The report follows:

MISSIONS

"The Supreme Task" of the Baptist is "Missions." A whole Gospel, by every Baptist, to all the people that possibly can be reached, should be our aim. We really believe that every regenerated soul can do mission work in one or more of the three fields, either State, Home or Foreign.

"This Supreme Task," as the name implies, is the greatest challenge that confronts regenerate man. Do we love Negroes and all the sinful world too? Did you ever stop to think whether or not you are a Missionary Baptist? When you were born into the "Kingdom of God," right then did you get the Mission spirit? Are you a Missionary Baptist?

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. HARRISON, Comm.

Wednesday morning, after singing two songs, "I'll Fly Away Home," and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," a collection was taken to help the Hopkins Chapel people rebuild their church house, so badly damaged by the flood last year.

Next report on Sunday Schools was read and spoken to by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, Rev. W. B. Bryant, N. L. Hampton, F. L. Hampton and Rev. Dan Wheeler. The report follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The churches in our Association number sixteen and we have sixteen Sunday Schools, although at Hopkins Chapel, where the house was destroyed by the flood, the Sunday School was held at the home of a faithful lady. We recommend that a Sunday School revival follow our revival meetings and that we stress Bible Schools more. The greatest need of both adults and children too, is Bible study, and the Sunday School being the teaching agency, let all the pastors, superintendents, teachers and all the people rally to this noble work—Bible Study in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. HARRISON, Comm.

Report on Religious Training by W. B. Bryant and spoken to by Rev. W. B. Bryant. The report follows.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

The training should begin in the home with daily prayer and good Christian government. Then the Sunday schools should have Christian teachers who love the Lord and know the command that Jesus gave: "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. BRYANT, Comm.

Report by Minnie Day and spoken to by Minnie Day, and follows.

WOMAN'S WORK

Matt. 28:19-20—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Luke 24:46-47—"Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the 3rd day and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Heb. 24:24-25—"Consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

To the mothers of our homes tied with their families no greater opportunity is given to carry out these commands than through the "Woman's Missionary Union. The women, through their united efforts in their activities at home, by coming together and studying the needs and by their united prayers and by their devotions (insignificant as they may seem), may exert an influence that will change the attitude of the world, and give to all nations a redeeming Christ instead of war striven destruction and desolation.

MINNIE DAY, Comm.

Next Rev. Roy Keller read report on Duties of Pastors and Churches and after motion to adopt, it was discussed by Mr. Keller and adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

First duty of pastor to live a life above question. Second devote time to pastoral visiting. Third preach and train his flock in every phase of God's program, evangelism, benevolence, missions, in short to lead them in the development of a full Christian life. Now duties of the church, first individual members living devout lives. Second support pastors so that he can devote full time to the task to which God has called him. Third support God's whole program.

ROY KELLER, Comm.

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Now B. T. U. report read and spoken to by Christine Harrison and adopted. The report follows.

B. T. U. REPORT

Proverbs, twenty-second chapter and verse six. Solomon says train up a child in the way it should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Surely if God's word tells us to train it is very essential. The B. T. U. not only trains the young members; but members of all ages. A Christian life needs training for the Lord's service just as a young child needs training and exercise for his body. Every church in Stony Fork Association needs a training union. Our people must be trained in order to carry on the Lord's work in a more effective way.

God wants his children to study to show themselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. If we rightly divide his word, we must train our minds and bodies for his service. The harvest fields are white with untrained Christians. Let us strive to do our duty with regard to training in all our churches.

CHRISTINE HARRISON, Comm.

Wednesday afternoon Devotional conducted by Mrs. G. W. Gragg. Next report on Religious Literature read and spoken to by Linney Barnes and adopted. The report follows.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

To help combat the flood of filthy literature poisoning the land, Southern Baptists should give fuller support to the denominational press. The doubling of sex crimes during the past decade, especially by young people, can be traced directly to the reading of about a hundred and fifty "smutty magazines," which are bought by about eight million Americans each month. Ex-Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing, J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and others denounce this degrading literature which evilly inflames the minds of youth; yet the newsstands still are filled with this filth.

The only force strong enough to rout these powers of darkness is the BIBLE and the literature inspired by God's Holy Word. "The BIBLE needs no defense; just turn it loose, and, like a roaring lion, it will take care of itself." Southern Baptists will find power for their God-given tasks to the extent that they are saturated with the word of the BIBLE.

Also important are those splendid Southern Baptist publications which tell of modern acts of present day apostles, which give names of missionary heroes who might almost be added to the roll call of the faithful in Hebrews 11.

At the forefront are the State Baptist papers, the missionary magazines and Sunday School Board publications. As Dr. Hamil-

ton declared in his last presidential address: "Having the state papers and the mission publications in every Baptist home is a vision to which we cannot be disobedient. . . . Our editors and our papers are missionaries and teachers, and they are co-workers with us in all things pertaining to the cause of Christ." The circulation of these eighteen splendid papers, which has gone from 200,000 to about 240,000 since last year, should be pushed right on up to 500,000 by the convention's centennial in 1945.

Of general interest to all five million Southern Baptists are the two journals published monthly by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Although the magazine *Home and Foreign Fields*, now discontinued, used to cost one dollar, the two magazines which sprang up to take its place cost only seventy-five cents for both. Non-subscribers should send twenty-five cents to Atlanta for *Southern Baptist Home Missions* and fifty cents to Richmond for *THE COMMISSION*. Both have increased their circulation rapidly in recent months and should have the number of their subscribers doubled in the near future.

All W. M. U. members should not only take *Royal Service*, which now has over a hundred thousand subscribers, but also urge the girls in their church to take *The Window of YWA* and the youngsters to read *World Comrades*, all published in Birmingham. Baptist laymen of the South should follow the excellent programs outlined in the *Southern Baptist Brotherhood Quarterly*.

A great power for good is the literature published by the Sunday School Board in Nashville. In the year ending May 31, 1941, about one million books were printed, over half of them new and about two-fifths of them hymn books. Of the eighty-five chief periodicals, thirty-six million copies were distributed last year. Of general interest to leaders are such magazines as *The Sunday School Builder*, *The Better Home*, and *The Training Union Magazine*. No better journal for college-age young people can be found than *The Baptist Student*. The splendid BTU and Sunday School quarterlies are perhaps the Board's best agency in its drive to have "a Baptist Sunday School and Training Union within walking distance of every community in the South." List of these publications can be secured from any denominational office or the Southern Baptist Convention minutes.

Southern Baptist should give a fuller measure of support to their religious literature, now forced to compete with secular periodicals which last year received about twenty million dollars from liquor advertising and much more from cigarette companies. Every denominational journal should be made self-supporting at once. The pen is mightier than the sword. One recently said: "I shall do more with paper and ink than Napoleon did with gun-powder." The power of

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propaganda and publicity has been exploited by forces of evil; it now should be fully used to promote God's world-wide kingdom. Baptist readers are Baptist leaders. The denominational press is the best friend and ally of pastor and lay leaders as they seek to promote the cause of missions, to stimulate giving, and to win lost souls for Christ.

"A non reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist;
A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist;
A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist;
A non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."

Certainly the members of this association will not want to be that kind of a Baptist but will want to give hearty support to the denomination's program of worthwhile religious literature.

LINEY BARNES

Next report on Temperance was read by B. F. Wilcox and spoken to by B. F. Wilcox and Dan Wheeler, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intemperance is one of the greatest we have to contend with. It is destructive to both soul and body. The word of eternal truth warns against this evil indulgence and says at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. One of the greatest blunders our nation ever made was the repeal of the 18th Amendment, and surely all the good people that helped to repeal it are sick on their own soup. Let's not work for office or money when that work brings evil, like the drink evil, to our people and nation.

May we fight this evil with all our vim and energy, even with every tissue of our body.

B. F. WILCOX, Comm.

Report on Resolutions: This report read by Bertha Day and after the move for adoption and spoken to by Bertha Day it was adopted. The report follows.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Members of the Stony Fork Association realizing the great unrest of the world and the powerful workings of the evil forces, we feel a tremendous urge for the furtherance of the Great Command: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, ("So with the assurance of the promise"), and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," we resolve through consecration, a more defensive program. First: through prayer and study for individual preparation then gather in our various churches as train-

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ing centers we resolve to give our hearty support for a live Sunday School, a B. T. U., and a W. M. U., and through these organizations to make a thorough survey of our communities, endeavoring to meet the various needs as well as recruiting our working forces from time to time. Second: we pledge our united efforts in cooperation with the Board to do our bit in all causes sponsored by our denomination; which is our reasonable portion.

BERTHA DAY AND WINIFRED HAMPTON, Comm.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from churches—\$41.64.

We recommend to pay clerk \$10.00 for his service and former clerk \$13.87 and remainder for minutes.

J. A. HALLIFELD

ROY KELLER, Comm.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Membership 1940	1584
Membership 1941	1484
Baptised this year	35
Enrolled in S. S.	1133
Average Attendance in S. S.	727
Paid Pastors 1941	\$1283.37
Paid for building repairs	157.40
Paid for S. S. Literature	247.84
Pair for Minutes and clerk hire	38.57
Paid Orphanage	374.96
Paid to Hospital	91.78
Paid to Missions	71.42
Paid to other objects	267.61
Total Value of property	\$39819.00

F. L. HAMPTON, Comm.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee met one time with the clerk. The only business was arranging the order of business.

G. M. WATSON, Comm.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from churches	\$48.50
Paid back account	13.83
Balance on hand	34.67
Paid for minutes	37.84
Clerk hire and postage	11.02
Total paid out	48.86
Due clerk	14.19

F. L. HAMPTON, Treas.

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TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The Stony Fork Baptist Association will be held with New Hopewell Baptist church, Gragg, N. C., on Tuesday and Wednesday, after the Second Sunday in Sept., 1942. Rev. Roscoe Greene to preach the Annual Sermon, Rev. B. F. Wilcox alternate. To find New Hopewell Church, follow 221 to Edgemont road, turn left and drive 5 miles to church. Look for directing sign at Edgemont road.

I. H. HENDERSON,

L. E. GRAGG,

FRANK HOLDER, Comm.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

BOONE'S FORK—Deacon W. L. Coffey

DOE RIDGE—Mrs. Lonie Hardy

LAUREL FORK—Deacon J. L. Miller, Mr. A. H. Hatten

MT. VIEW—Mrs. Rhoda Green and Mrs. Rhoads Golds

MT. EPHRAIM—Mrs. M. D. Miller and Mrs. Eliza Triplett

MT. VERNON—Mrs. Elisabeth Smith and Mr. Hardin Elrod

NEW HOPEWELL—Mrs. N. E. Dellinger and Betty Fair

SANDY FLAT—Mrs. Victoria Clure

WATAUGA—Miss Sarah Yarber

YELLOW H—Mr. W. S. Beshears

Session closed with singing and a dedication prayer as benediction.

TABLE ONE — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	City, Vil., Town or Co.	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Mem. Rep. Last Yr	Ch Membership					Total Pr. Membership	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals Held	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. Baptist Paper	
						Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Letters	Exclusions						Deaths
Boone's Fork	...	1891	Frank Knight, Patterson	4	82	4	1	1	8	1	77	1	2	...		
Baily Camp	...	1938	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock	2	24	3	5	8	2	4	32	1	1	...		
Doe Ridge	...	1894	Raymond Hendrix, Boone	1	31	1	2	...	...	...	28	1	1	...
Grandmother Gap	...	1932	L. E. Bean, Mortimer	4	24	5	...	...	...	...	24	...	1	...
Hopkins Chapel	...	1917	W. H. Byerly, Lenoir	1	28	5	...	...	...	...	36	2	...	...
Laurel Fork	...	1855	Vilas Minton, Vilas	3	131	...	1	...	2	...	127	1	1	...		
Middle Cane	...	1884	Represented Not	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. View	...	1910	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap	4	36	4	1	2	29	...	1	...	
Mt. Ephraim	...	1876	Henry Smith, Deep Gap	2	217	4	...	...	...	...	218	1	1	...
Mt. Paran	...	1886	Theo. Hendrix, Deep Gap	1	45	4	2	...	2	...	49	1	1	...		
Mt. Vernon	...	1866	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	4	256	...	3	...	7	...	250	1	2	...		
New Hopewell	...	1870	W. L. Eryant, Patterson	4	88	5	1	8	2	26	72	...	...	...
Rock View	...	1823	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap	3	82	...	...	...	...	...	82	...	1	...
Rock Springs	...	1891	Theo. Hendrix, Stony Fork	2	40	4	...	...	...	...	44	...	1	...
Sandy Flat	...	1928	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock	3	79	4	5	...	5	...	82	...	1	...		
Watauga	...	1844	Levi Green, Deep Gap	1	215	...	...	...	...	...	173	...	2	...
Yellow Hill	...	1850	H. H. Smith, Deep Gap	3	168	2	...	...	1	4	164	1	1	...

TABLE TWO — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND POST OFFICE	Cradle Roll—under 3										Is S. S. Graded?	Enrollment V. B. S.	Av. Attendance V.B.S.
		Cradle Roll—under 3	Beginners—3-5	Primaries—6-8	Juniors—9-12	Intermediates—13-16	Young People—17-24	Adults—25 and up	Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance			
Boone's Fork	Earl Coffey, Shulls Mills	3	7	5	...	9	...	20	...	44	30	...	105	84
Baily Camp	Dewey Green, Blowing Rock	3	12	17	10	...	13	18	...	23	7	...	...	...
Doe Ridge	Donaid Miller, Boone	2	6	6	7	8	6	10	5	50	32	...	...	...
Grandmother Gap	Windom Gragg, Linville .....	...	2	...	3	1	1	12	4	28	16	...	...	...
Hopkins Chapel	Windom Gragg, Linville .....	...	8	...	...	...	...	10	4	18	18	...	...	...
Laurel Fork	S. C. Ford, Blowing Rock .....	...	3	8	10	5	12	25	7	74	38	...	...	...
Middle Cane	Not Represented	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. View	Charlie, Stony Fork .....	...	...	15	...	...	7	15	...	40	30	...	...	...
Mt. Ephraim	Olin Miller, Triplett	8	10	10	16	10	25	15	...	91	70	...	...	...
Mt. Paran	Jasper Green, Deep Gap	4	...	15	...	...	20	...	...	39	35	...	...	...
Mt. Vernon	Wm. M. Brown, Blowing Rock	15	21	21	38	30	24	82	12	228	127	...	35	22
New Hopewell	Spencer Coffey, Triplett	12	...	...	...	...	11	13	4	40	40	...	...	...
Rock View	Lonie Carlton, Triplett .....	...	...	10	...	...	15	20	...	45	40	...	...	...
Rock Springs	T. W. Woods, Darby .....	...	...	12	10	...	...	15	3	40	30	...	...	...
Sandy Flat	Seldon Wright, Blowing Rock .....	...	9	14	8	11	12	30	3	87	45	...	...	...
Watauga	Hayden Fox, Banner Elk .....	...	18	17	30	25	40	29	10	165	90	...	...	...
Yellow Hill	Coy N. Church, Summit	6	10	9	21	17	18	35	12	128	54	...	...	...

TABLE THREE — CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Own House Worship?	When was It Built	Material Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Total Value of all Church Property	Indebtedness on All Property
Boone's Fork	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills	Yes	1916	Wood	200	1	1	...	1000	1000	...
Bally Camp	Lawrence Harmon, Blowing Rock	Yes	1938	Wood	175	1	1	...	800	800	...
Doe Ridge	Alice Brown, Boone	Yes	1894	Wood	100	1	1	...	200	200	...
Grandmother Gap	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville	Yes	1920	Wood	100	1	1	...	400	400	...
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont	Yes	1917	Wood	100	1	1	...	450	450	...
Laurel Fork	J. G. Stone, Blowing Rock	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1	1	...	1500	1500	...
Middle Cane	Not Represented .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. View	Vonnie Green, Stony Fork	Yes	1910	Wood	300	1	1	...	1000	1000	...
Mt. Ephraim	V. C. Cox, Triplet	Yes	1936	Wood	300	1	1	...	1400	1400	...
Mt. Paran	Rausseau Watson, Deep Gap	Yes	1940	Wood	300	1	1	...	600	600	200
Mt. Vernon	Minnie Day, Blowing Rock	Yes	1938	Stone	500	4	2	20000	20000	20000	...
New Hopewell	Benson Coffey, Gragg	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	1	...	450	450	...
Rock View	W. E. Miller, Deep Gap	Yes	1923	Wood	200	1	1	...	1000	1000	...
Rock Springs	J. T. Woods, Darby	Yes	1891	Wood	300	1	1	...	300	3000	...
Sandy Flat	S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock	Yes	1906	Wood	400	6	6	6	2000	2000	...
Watauga	L. B. Gragg, Banner Elk	Yes	1921	Wood	400	3	3	3	2000	2000	...
Yellow Hill	W. C. Church, Summit	Yes	1940	Wood	400	3	3	3	2000	2000	...

TABLE FOUR — GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICE	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repair	Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U.	Help to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk Hire	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes
Boone's Fork	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills	124.58	25.25	.....	.....	9.85	.....	.....	2.00	.....	172.14
Baily Camp	Ira Ford, Blowing Rock	74.96	26.19	.....	.....	18.07	19.34	3.04	2.02	.....	140.88
Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown, Boone	11.60	1.51	19.05	.....	.....	4.23	.....	1.55	5.00	43.04
Grandmother Gap	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville	55.74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.24	.30	56.28
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont	32.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.77	.....	.60	.....	41.77
Laurel Fork	Carrie Storie, Blowing Rock	113.29	15.36	.....	.....	10.00	22.28	3.00	9.61	.....	173.54
Middle Cane	Not Represented .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. View	Fred Payne, Stony Fork	86.76	29.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Ephraim	C. T. Simmons, Triplett	66.10	43.00	.....	.....	2.00	2.25	.....	.....	.....	120.81
Mt. Paran	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap	89.69	15.75	.....	10.00	.....	12.50	18.90	3.00	.....	143.60
Mt. Vernon	F. L. Hampton, Blowing Rock	205.50	.....	9.25	.....	75.11	6.00	31.25	.....	.....	152.69
New Hopevell	Benson Coffey, Gragg	44.41	54.77	25.00	.....	4.00	75.06	31.36	13.16	33.68	156.27
Rock View	W. C. Miller, Deep Gap	98.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	1.50	.....	138.48
Rock Springs	J. T. Woods, Darby	42.44	9.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.55	.....	.....	112.55
Sandy Flat	Mrs. S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock	121.57	35.00	.....	.....	39.00	4.80	3.51	1.00	.....	61.40
Watauga	Hayden Fox, Banner Elk	72.50	16.35	.....	.....	22.57	23.00	.....	4.00	.....	225.57
Yellow Hill	Miss Pansy Woodlee, Summit	45.43	8.50	100.00	.....	11.28	42.18	.....	3.00	.....	156.60
							20.43	1.65	.....	.....	187.29

TABLE FIVE — MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associa- tional Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Orphanages	Special to Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Given Missions and Benevolences	Grand Total for All Purposes
Boone's Fork	J. A. Holifield, Shulls Mills .....	.....	.....	7.74	.....	18.99	8.00	.....	26.99	199.28
Baily Camp	Ira Ford, Blowing Rock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.34	8.75	.....	36.87	177.45
Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown, Boone .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.51	.....	5.51	48.55
Grandmother Gap	Roosevelt Gragg, Linnville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.74	.....	.74	57.02
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.67	.....	.67	42.44
Laurel Fork	Carnie Storie, Blowing Rock .....	.....	.....	1.86	10.55	48.66	4.94	.....	.....	66.01
Middle Cane	Not Represented .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. View	Fred Payne, Stony Fork .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.05	.....	.....	123.86
Mt. Ephraim	C. T. Simmons, Triplett .....	.....	.....	4.62	.....	.....	3.40	.....	8.02	151.62
Mt. Faran	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.29	.....	4.27	156.96
Mt. Vernon	F. L. Hampton, Blowing Rock	28.39	31.07	5.92	228.95	17.71	.....	13.85	325.89	769.01
New Hopewell	Benson Coffey, Gragg	1.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.23	.....	3.49	141.97
Rock View	W. E. Miller, Deep Gap .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	10.00	.....	11.50	124.05
Rock Springs	J. T. Woods, Darby .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.20	5.00	5.00	17.20	241.67
Sandy Flat	Mrs. S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watauga	Hayden Fox, Banner Elk	8.50	20.07	12.50	41.07	197.62
Yellow Hill	Miss Panstle Woodie, Summit	25.25	9.01	17.40	51.66	238.95

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MINUTES

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**Stony Fork Baptist
Association**

NORTH CAROLINA

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

held with the

NEW HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Gragg, North Carolina

September 15-~~16~~, 1942



Next Session to be held with Boone's Fork Baptist Church,

Tuesday *Wednesday* *14*
Wednesday and Thursday, September 15, 16, 1942.

DIRECTORY

Executive Committee and Officers of Association

Jessie Hollifield, Chairman	Blowing Rock
F. L. Hampton	Blowing Rock
Virgil Greer	Triplett
Rev. Lee J. Church, Moderator	Summit
N. L. Harrison, Clerk	Blowing Rock

Nominations

Associational Progress	Jesse Hollifield
Benevolences	G. W. Gragg
Annual Sermon	Rev. W. B. Bryant
	Alternate, Rev. W. M. Brown
Religious Literature	L. E. Gragg
Christian Training	Miss Winifred Hampton
	William M. Brown
Temperance	Rev. B. F. Wilcox
Woman's Work	Mrs. Etta Gragg
B. T. U. Director	Miss Christine Harrison
Orphanage Director	Virgil Cox
Hospital Director	Stacy Ford
Baptist State Convention	Lee J. Church, Roscoe Green, N. L. Harrison
Missions	Rev. W. J. Cook
Obituaries	General Watson
Sunday Schools	N. L. Harrison

Order of Business ----- Executive Committee
For Vacancy in Nominations ----- Moderator to Appoint
Promotions Committee ---- Hayden Fox, Judd Golds, Ira Ford
Resolutions -- Sam Day, Keneth Brown, Mrs. Sherman Coffy,
W. D. Coffy, Conley Waters, Minnie Day, Spencer Coffy,
J. T. Woods, Lonnie Carlton, I. H. Henderson, N. C. Michael,
Windom Gragg, Ted Townsend, Herman Coffy, Vonnie
Green.
Associational Missionaries ---- W. M. Brown, Roscoe Green,
Roosevelt Gragg.

Roll of Messengers

BAILEY'S CAMP—Vernon Bolick, Ira Ford, Lank Talbert.
BOONE'S FORK—Sam Day, Herman Coffy, J. A. Hollifield.
DOE RIDGE—Kenneth Brown.
GRANDMOTHER GAP—Roosevelt Gragg, Windom Gragg,
Kathleen Gragg.
HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—David Coffy, Bertha Hollander, Jodie
Coffy.
LAUREL FORK—T. H. Triplett, Arthur Triplett.
MT. EPHRAIM—Virgil Greer, Conley Waters, June Triplett.
MT. PARAN—General Watson, Annie Watson, Helen Watson.
MT. VERNON—Wm. M. Brown, R. H. Vandyke, N. L. Harrison.
MT. VIEW—Vonnice Green, Fred Payne, Ralph Greene.
NEW HOPEWELL—L. E. Gragg, Spencer Coffy, Benson Coffy.
ROCK SPRING—J. T. Woods, Ray Triplett.

ROCK VIEW—Lonnie Carlton, G. W. Hodges.

SANDY FLAT—I. H. Henderson, Lloyd Coffy, Clyde Downs,

WATAUGA—Ted Townsend, Hayden Fox, Ulysses Porch.

YELLOW HILL—N. C. Mickael, Aldrian Greene.

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Suggested Order of Business for 1943

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 15th

Theme: The Lord our Shepherd: let's go forward in Service

- 9:00- 9:30—Devotional and Roll Call
- 9:30- 9:45—Address of Moderator
- 9:45-10:15—Report of Missionaries, Delegates, and Directors for 1943
- 10:15-11:00—Associational Progress and Benevolence
- 11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon

Noon Recess

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
- 1:15- 1:45—Religious Literature
- 1:45- 2:05—Christian Training
- 2:05- 2:35—Temperance
- 2:35- 3:00—Woman's Work
- 3:00- 3:20—Closing worship

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 16th

- 9:00- 9:15—Devotional
- 9:15-10:00—Digest of Letters
- 10:00-10:45—Sunday Schools
- 10:45-11:30—Duties of Pastors and Churches
- 11:30-12:00—Reports of Executive Committee; Election of Officers

Noon Recess

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
 - 1:15- 2:00—Missions
 - 2:00- 2:30—Obituaries; Miscellaneous
 - 2:30- 3:00—Reports: Treasurer's, Finance, Nomination, Place and
Preacher
Closing Worship
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Tuesday Morning, Sept. 15th — Morning Session

PROCEEDINGS

The Stony Fork Baptist Association of North Carolina met in its eighty-first annual session with New Hopewell Baptist Church, Gragg, North Carolina.

Session opened by singing, "Faithful Soldier," and reading the 4th chapter of the book of Psalms and prayer by G. W. Gragg.

Then address of Moderator and election of officers. Rev. Lee J. Church was elected Moderator and N. L. Harrison Clerk.

Roll call by clerk and all churches were represented either by messengers or letter.

Then visitors were recognized: Rev. M. O. Alexander, Cary Baptist Church, near Raleigh; Rev. W. H. Byerly, Lenoir, Caldwell Association; Rev. A. F. Knight; Rev. W. B. Bryant, also from Caldwell Association; and Mrs. W. E. Furgerson from Florida.

Next the report on Benevolence and spoken to by Rev. M. O. Alexander, Rev. A. F. Knight and Rev. W. B. Bryant.

Annual Sermon by Rev. B. F. Wilcox.

Moderator appointed the following committees: Devotion for Afternoon Session, Rev. Bill Brown; Woman's Work, Mrs. Etta Gragg.

Closing worship.

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotional, Rev. Wm. M. Brown.

Then Subject Duties of Pastors and Churches. Spoken to by Rev. A. F. Knight and Rev. W. B. Bryant.

Report on Missions read by Clerk and spoken to by Rev. M. O. Alexander and Rev. Lee J. Church and adopted.

MISSIONS

The great Commission, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; preach, teach, baptize and make disciples in every nation.

Here is where mission work began from which our Southern Baptist Program has developed. May all our churches build and help keep this work going.

Respectfully submitted,
M. O. Alexander

B. T. U. Report was adopted.

The wise man, Solomon, said: "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer." A righteous man desires to know and be able to give the right answer.

There is no better place to study God's word for the right answer than the Baptist Training Union. Study to get its instruction and learn its truths.

The Training Union, if carried on in the right way, is one of the greatest agencies for evangelizing the word. Many other denominations stress teaching and training and surely Baptists should do as much.

We all believe or should believe with Paul in 2nd Timothy 2:15: "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Do you believe it? Do you want to study? Do you want to train?

Respectfully,
Christine Harrison

Report on Sunday Schools. Adopted.

1st. We must believe in Sunday School.

2nd. Do all we can to get all the others to believe in Sunday School.

3rd. Strive to reach the Standard of Excellence.

4th. Let every teacher prepare to teach, then by God's grace do his best to teach.

5th. Do more "Evangelistic work", and increase attendance.

6th. Never get satisfied that our Sunday School is perfect, but find more to do. Then if we have Christian teachers, it will be marvelous to watch the growth in our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
N. L. Harrison

Closing worship.

Wednesday Morning

Devotional, Rev. W. B. Bryant.

Report on Religious Literature. Adopted.

To help combat the flood of rotten, poisonous literature that is being spread over our land, each home should be carefully guarded by mothers and fathers and see that no trashy papers get into their homes to poison the minds of the children. Instead teach them to read and study the Bible first, then other good literature like the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and others that help you to understand the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Gragg

Christian Training Report. Adopted.

In the Holy Book of God, we find great emphasis on Christian Training in which the greatest of all is to train up a child in the way it should go, then temptations, evils, allurements, or ungodly things will not detract this early training from its mind.

So the most important thing to do is to teach the Bible in the home, in the church, and in Christian Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Brown

Temperance Report. Adopted.

Temperance has been agitating the minds of our people for a long while and are we any better along the line of Temperance than we were in the yesterdays? I am afraid not.

Numbers are living dissipated lives and strong drink is raging and I say the best and only thing to do is to let alone and denounce strong drink altogether. Let us use every faculty of our bodies to help abolish strong drink from our nation.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Wilcox

Report on Woman's Work. Adopted.

We should not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth.

Our Master said, "As the father hath sent me even so send I you." They confer a divine commission that is to uphold us in our undertaking for the Master. Nothing lasting can be accomplished unless it has back of it divine authority, and the evidence of a trans-

forming power. We speak with certainty and our lives bear almighty witness when we remember the great experience that has come into our lines and when we bear in mind Him who sent us. Then we shall have strength to go on when the going is hard. At eventide there shall be light.

When we hear the Master say, "Whom shall we send and who will go for us?" Let us say here am I. Send me. With the sending goes the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

You are going, and being sent when you are doing even small deeds for the Master. Woman's work, even canning fruit for the Mills Home where the little children that Christ spoke to you about get part of their food that grows their little bodies, that houses a Soul for the Master's Kingdom.

And "Lo" the Master is with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Etta Gragg

Obituaries. Our deceased are

Mr. Ralph Norman, Boone's Fork.
Deacon Mr. J. E. Green, Laurel Fork.
Mrs. S. E. Green, Laurel Fork.
Mrs. Mary Cox, Mt. Ephraim.
Mrs. Julia Bowles, Mt. Vernon.
Mr. James Benson, Mt. Vernon.
Mrs. Raleigh Normon, Watauga.
Mr. Omer Fox, Watauga.
Miss Louise Coffy, Sandy Flat.
Mrs. Mary Ashley, Sandy Flat.
Mrs. Caroline Shepherd, Yellow Hill.
Mrs. Clara Triplett, Yellow Hill.

Report of Treasurer. Adopted.

Total amount received 1941	\$48.64
Paid former treasurer	14.19
Paid for printing and mailing minutes	38.30
Total amount received 1942	35.24

N. L. Harrison, Treasurer

Report on Resolutions. Adopted.

1. We extend our sincere thanks to the Pastor and members of New Hopewell church, and to the community for the splendid way in which they have entertained us during this session of the association.

2. We desire to express our gratitude to Miss Ola Lee, who

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brought us such a fine message from the Mission Work in China.

3. We wish to express our appreciation to our Moderator and other officers for the splendid way they did the work.

4. We want all the churches to be sure to remember that "The Lord is our Shepherd," and therefore we will not be afraid to work and go forward in our Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosevelt Gragg, Spencer Coffy,
and W. B. Bryant

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotional by Brother John Arch McMillan.

Also lecture by Brother McMillan on the manner of caring for children. A good mother in the home first, next to that the Mills Home. Then he told us how much it meant to get so much canned fruit and help from the mothers and good women in our churches.

Report of Digest of Letters. Adopted.

Membership of our churches 1942	1338
Membership of our churches 1941	1484
Baptized this year	49
Enrolled in Sunday School	1113
Paid Pastors and churches' contributions	\$3389.05
Paid to Hospital last year	\$ 90.97
Paid to Orphanage	\$ 352.60
Paid Co-operative Program	\$ 53.36

Respectfully submitted,

Winifred Hampton, Christine Harrison

Report on Time, Place and Preacher. Adopted.

The eighty-second session of the Stony Fork Baptist Association will be held with Boone's Fork Baptist Church, Wednesday and Thursday, September 15th-16th, 1943.

Rev. W. B. Bryant to preach the Annual Sermon. Rev. Wm. M. Brown, alternate.

Boone's Fork Church is located seven miles west of Blowing Rock on the Yonahlossee Road.

Closing worship.

Song: "God Be with You till We Meet Again."

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Bryant.

TABLE ONE — STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
For the Associational Year Ending September, 1942

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUPTS. AND POST OFFICES	Baptisms	Church Membership	S. S. Membership	Total Denominational Contributions	Total Local Church Contributions and Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Bailey's Camp.....	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, R.1	Lank Tolbert, Blowing Rock...	5	34	97	195.95	174.75	370.70
Boone's Fork.....	Frank Knight, Patterson.....	Herman Coffy, Blowing Rock...	13	90	52	54.98	192.18	247.11
Doe Ridge.....	Ronda Earp, Vilas.....	Don Miller, Boone.....	1	31	44	1.00	52.17	53.17
Grandmother's Gap.....	O. C. Dellinger, Lenoir.....	Windom Gragg, Linville.....	...	24	28	...	17.69	17.69
Hopkins' Chapel.....	W. H. Byerly, Lenoir.....	Stella May Ward, Edgemont....	3	39	26	7.55	63.10	70.65
Laurel Fork.....	Vilas Minton, Vilas.....	H. M. Storie, Blowing Rock....	...	125	70	57.48	213.32	270.80
Mt. Ephraim.....	Roscoe Green, Deep Gap.....	Olin Miller, Triplett.....	...	214	80	10.20	250.95	271.15
Mt. Paran.....	Roscoe Green, Deep Gap.....	Jasper Green, Deep Gap.....	2	52	39	37.00	126.50	163.50
Mt. Vernon.....	R. C. Eggers, Zionville.....	Wm. M. Brown, Blowing Rock...	...	258	208	354.48	1216.69	1571.17
Mt. View.....	Roscoe Green, Deep Gap.....	Charlie Smith, Stony Fork....	3	31	26	1.25	134.83	136.08
New Hopewell.....	W. B. Bryant, Patterson.....	Spencer Coffy, Gragg.....	2	76	41	7.16	85.46	92.62
Rock Spring.....	Rev. B. L. Minton, Buck.....	T. W. Wood, Darby.....	11	55	38	8.00	89.86	97.86
Rock View.....	Roscoe Green, Deep Gap.....	Lonnie Carlton, Triplett.....	3	84	45	8.50	102.68	111.18
Sandy Flat.....	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock....	A. B. Craig, Blowing Rock.....	2	81	79	22.00	183.45	205.45
Watauga.....	W. J. Cook, Boone, R.1.....	Hayden Fox, Banner Elk.....	...	203	181	90.84	316.04	406.88
Yellow Hill.....	H. H. Smith, Stony Fork.....	Coy N. Church, Summit.....	4	164	128	12.38	159.38	171.76

TABLE TWO — STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	CHURCH TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Country, City, or Town	When Constituted	When Rebuilt	Value of Church Property	Cost S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S. Lit'ture	Times Obs. Lord's Sup.	Revivals Last Year	Weekly Prayer Meet'g.
Bailey's Camp.....	Lawrence Harmon, Blowing Rock..	Ira Ford, Blowing Rock.....	C	1938	1938	800	18.40	2	1	1
Boone's Fork.....	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills.....	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills.....	C	1891	1916	1000	16.64	2	1	1
Doe Ridge.....	Alice Brown, Boone.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	C	1894	1894	200	5.50	1	1	1
Grandmother's Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	C	1920	1932	400	...	2	...	...
Hopkins' Chapel.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffy, Edgemont.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffy, Edgemont.....	C	1917	1917	450	2.00	1	...	...
Laurel Fork.....	J. G. Storie, Blowing Rock.....	Cornie Storie, Blowing Rock.....	C	1855	1922	1500	30.50	1	1	1
Mt. Ephraim.....	V. C. Cox, Triplet.....	C. T. Simmons, Triplet.....	C	1876	1936	1400	17.00	1	...	...
Mt. Paran.....	Rausseau Watson, Deep Gap.....	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap.....	C	1886	1940	600	4.00	1	1	1
Mt. Vernon.....	Minnie Day, Blowing Rock.....	F. L. Hampton, Blowing Rock.....	C	1866	1938	2000	83.39	2	1	1
Mt. View.....	Vonnie Green, Stony Fork.....	Fred Payne, Stony Fork.....	C	1910	1910	1000	3.00	2	1	1
New Hopewell.....	Benson Coffy, Gragg.....	Benson Coffy, Gragg.....	C	1870	1912	450	12.00	...	1	1
Rock Spring.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	C	1891	1891	300	6.00	...	1	1
Rock View.....	W. E. Miller, Deep Gap.....	W. E. Miller, Deep Gap.....	C	1823	1923	1000	3.00	2	1	1
Sandy Flat.....	S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	Mrs. S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	C	1928	1906	2000	21.00	2	1	1
Watauga.....	L. B. Gragg, Banner Elk.....	Mrs. L. B. Gragg, Banner Elk.....	C	1844	1921	2000	34.66	2	1	1
Yellow Hill.....	Carr Church, Summit.....	Carr Church, Summit.....	C	1850	1940	2000	18.87	1	2	2

* Indicates Yes

CONSTITUTION

1st. This Association shall be known as the Stone Mountain Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates and all ordained ministers as members ex-officio.

2nd. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

3rd. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, in such a way as the Association may direct. The last two offices shall be held by the same brother.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, and to perform other duties pertaining to his office.

5th. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

6th. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

7th. There shall be a committee of arrangements consisting of five brethren, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

8th. All letters of grievances or queries, together with letters from corresponding Associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the committee on arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

9th. This body shall have no coercive power to exercise Lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

10th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

11th. It shall be the province of this Association to correspond with nearby sister Associations of our faith, and to invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

12th. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

13th. It shall be the purpose of this Association to do Associational mission work and at each annual session shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution of our bonds.

14th. At each annual session there shall be appointed a committee to make reports on the following subjects: Missions, Education, Baptist Orphanage, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Aged Ministers' Relief Board, Pastoral and Church Relations, Special Changes and Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

15th. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

16th. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17th. Each church having ordained ministers shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

18th. This Constitution may be altered or amended; two-thirds of the members present concurring, the churches being previously notified.

19th. The Religious Benevolent Institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they may choose.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3rd. When a member wishes to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator, and only one member shall speak at a time.

4th. The member speaking shall strictly adhere to his subject and shall use no words calculated to irritate.

5th. No member shall leave the body during its sessions without permission of the Moderator.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice upon one subject except by permission of the body.

7th. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whisper in time of public speech.

8th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

9th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

11th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

12th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

13th. Any person who shall willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association met in its Forty-Sixth Annual session with Roaring Gap Baptist church September 25, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Song, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." Devotional conducted by Elder Grant Cothren reading 27th division of the Psalms. Prayer by Elder L. B. Murray.

Song, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder J. Z. Adams, using as a text Isaiah 45th chapter and 3rd verse, after which the congregation joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation." After which the Moderator, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, asked those bearing letters from their respective churches to please hand them in. Nineteen were handed in. A motion was carried to dispense with the reading of the letters. This closed the year's work for the Moderator and Clerk, and upon motion duly seconded, Bro. J. A. Gilliam and Bro. A. C. Yale were reelected Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors. Elder J. C. Pipes, Elder Chas. A. Leonard, Missionary to China, J. H. Kendall and Elder J. G. Huffman from Brushy Mountain Association accepted seats with us. Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming." The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Temperance—Elder John Burcham, Elder L. B. Murray and J. A. Royal.

Periodicals—Elders A. B. Hayes, J. C. Pipes and Charlie Billings.

Christian Education—Mrs. H. V. Nix, J. H. Kendall and Lonnie Billings.

Aged Ministers' Relief—Mrs. V. W. Luffman, Bro. Smith and Mrs. E. R. Fox.

Missions—C. C. Gambill, Elder Chas A. Leonard and J. Q. Adams.

Orphanage—Mrs. J. L. Gregory, Mrs. J. N. Gentry, Elder J. A. McMillian.

Recognize visitors. Elder Lester Johnson from Elkin Association accepted a seat with us.

12:00 M. Adjourned for lunch.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled. Song, "Standing on the Promise of God." Prayer offered by Elder J. E. Hayes.

Change in program. Report on Missions and Christian Education to be heard this afternoon. Report on Temperance to come later.

Report on Missions read by Bro. C. C. Gambill.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

For more than one hundred years North Carolina Baptists have worked together in an organized way to evangelize and train the people of our state. Many years before that time, there were Baptist churches that were reaching out trying as best they might to give the Gospel to their immediate surroundings. Perhaps this is the underlying reason why the Baptists of North Carolina outnumber any other denomination and have made the greatest contribution to the religious life of our state.

God has wonderfully blessed our evangelistic efforts, but there are yet more than six hundred thousand unsaved people in North Carolina.

And that lays on the shoulders of the North Carolina Baptist a tremendous responsibility and magnificent opportunity.

Let no one suppose that Foreign Mission work refers to a task far away and among and for a people untrained and unworthy. It has to do with all classes of men. Some refined and cultured and some ignorant, but all made in the image and likeness of God.

Foreign Missions is the answer to all Christians to the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. It has no other aim and makes no other attempts than to carry the Gospel to lost men.

If we would reap well, we must enter now when the doors are open and the harvest ripe. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him on whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?

C. C. GAMBILL,

M. H. KENDALL, Committee.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

What we are and do is determined largely by what we think and what we think is determined largely by what we read. Therefore we should read only literature which gives us truth and light. Christians and especially Baptists have available to them a wealth of finest literature, both inspirational and informational. Therefore we want to name for you, and suggest that you read diligently the following literature: First, we commend to you the Bible, the book of all books, which is and always will be a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our pathway to lead us to God. Second, we commend the following periodicals that should be in every Baptist home: The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, Home Missions, and all other Christian literature printed and recommended by Southern Baptist people. Respectfully submitted by

A. B. HAYES, Committee.

Report read by Elder A. B. Hayes. On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are told in Deuteronomy 6:6-9 that when Moses had given the ten commandments to the children of Israel that he told them: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart, and thou shall teach them dilligently to thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates."

This warning comes to us today from Moses. If we would do as he said we would indeed have Christian Education: How many a mother who has a son in the war wishes in vain that she had given him dilligently the training in God's word as Moses told us to do.

Education is growth; Christian Education is growth in the principles of Christ. The world is in chaos today because these principles have not been taught and practised.

Never before, perhaps, in our lives have we felt as greatly the need for a foundation of faith that is as firm as a rock, a faith which will enable us to face life and death with a courage and peace.

We are thankful that we have Baptist schools and colleges that are giving Christian Education to our youth. The atmosphere of a Christian institution such as Mars Hill is what our young people need. We are proud of the work all the schools are doing.

But whether it be in our religious schools, in our public schools, in our churches with their preaching services, their Sunday Schools, their W. M. U. work and B. T. U. work, or in our homes, which last is indeed far most important of all, let us give our children Christian Education, that they may be able to meet the issues of life in the strength of Christ.

MRS. H. V. NIX, Committee.

Report on Christian Education read by Mrs. H. V. Nix. On motion the report was adopted.

Poem read by Mrs. Nix.

Discussed by Elder J. H. Kendall, Elder A. B. Hayes, Bro. J. Y. Brooks and Dr. Charles A. Leonard.

On motion by Elder A. B. Hayes that we recommend that each family head establish a family altar.

State Missions discussed by Elder J. C. Pipes.

Committee on Religious Exercise report no services for tonight.

Announcement by Elder A. B. Hayes of Ministers' Conference in North Wilkesboro on the 2nd Monday in October. Invitation to all ministers in Stone Mountain Association to attend.

Announcement of China Relief Fund by Dr. Chas. A. Leonard.

Thus closed the first days work of the Association for 1942.

Prayer offered by Elder G. Cothren.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

10:00 A. M. Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Songs, "Leave It There," and "Precious Name."

Devotional conducted by Elder L. E. Sparks, reading Hebrews 13th. Song, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by L. E. Sparks. The Moderator then asked if there were others bearing letters to please hand them in. Two were handed in.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1. There has never been a time since the days of Noah when the subject of Temperance should have been stressed as it should be now by God's people everywhere. Jeremiah 35:5-14 gives us a lesson of temperance. Isaiah 28:1-10 gives us a lesson of intemperance. Be sober, temperate and you will be healthy. If we are in place and please God we must put on the profound humility and the exact temperance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Intemperance in drinking today is the cause directly or indirectly of practically all the crime committed in our country. It destroys a man's self respect, respect for religion, virtue, honesty and all other things which are good in this world. Drunkards are the companions of people of bad morals. There are so many ways of being

intemperate today that we advise churches to watch their members and keep them well informed against intemperance and if they do not heed the teaching of God's word apply the Bible rules to them in a spiritual way.

REV. JOHN BURCHAM, Committee.

Report read by Bro. C. C. Gambill. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Elder J. Z. Adams, Bro. J. Y. Brooks, Elder S. L. Blevins, Elder G. Cothren, Bro. C. C. Gambill, Bro. V. W. Luffman and Bro. J. A. Gilliam. Report adopted.

Extended an invitation to visitors. Elder J. A. McMillan from Baptist Orphanage accepted a seat with us.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

One other letter presented and delegates seated. At this juncture Bro. Harrison Warren made a talk on Temperance.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

No greater honor can come to any man in this life than that he should be called of God and set apart as a chosen vessel to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Paul said in I Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."

Let us then strive to provide an income for our ministers in their old age and when they are disabled—not grudgingly to give a few cents here and there in the name of charity but in all respect and love try in this way to show our appreciation to these old soldiers of the cross for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
MRS. E. R. FOX, (Maple Grove)
.....SMITH, (Benham)
Committee.

Report read by Mrs. V. W. Luffman. Motion for adoption.

Discussed by Mrs. Luffman, Mrs. Walker Luffman, Elder S. L. Blevins and Elder J. A. McMillan. Report adopted.

Then the following pledges were taken:

Maple Grove—Elder S. L. Blevins, C. C. Gambill.....	\$15.00
Mt. Zion—R. C. Dancy, for Ministers' Relief	(Pd.) 5.00
Union—Frank Huffman	5.00
Chestnut Grove—J. A. Childers	5.00
Haymeadow—A. R. Myers	5.00
Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman	10.00
Roaring Gap—Elder W. F. Cooper	5.00
Mrs. H. V. Hix for Hospitals	(Pd.) 1.00

Adjourned for lunch. Prayer by Elder W. F. Cooper.

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled.

Song, "Lord, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground."

Prayer by Elder J. A. McMillan.

Orphanage work discussed by Elder J. A. McMillan, Elder S. L. Blevins, Bro. C. C. Gambill and Bro. V. W. Luffman. Report to be mailed to Clerk later.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The children who compose the population of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina may be classified under three heads: full orphans, half orphans and victims of desertion and wrecked homes. These children are being cared for by three well recognized methods of child caring agencies: Mothers Aid, Boarding Homes and the Orphanage Proper. In addition to these our case workers are rendering a fine service by helping children and parents make adjustments with their neighbors and relatives.

The demands upon the Orphanage authorities have never been greater. They receive upon an average of 45 applications every month during the year. No matter how urgent the demands, however, the policy of the Orphanage leaders is not to make special appeals. Special appeals for other causes may come and special appeals may go, but this constant stream of human want must go on day after day and year after year until the purpose of Christ through His church has been fulfilled.

The past year was one of the best in the history of the Orphanage, but imperative needs continue to increase. The care of the orphan child was intrusted to us by Christ himself. We cannot shun this Christian responsibility and claim to be practicing "pure religion." When appeals are made to Orphanage authorities they have nowhere to go, indeed, they do not want any place to go for financial support other than individuals, Sunday Schools and churches. The plan is simple.

We suggest as a goal for the Association for next year: A monthly contribution from each church or Sunday School, gifts of produce in season, a real Thanksgiving offering in November and a club of Charity & Children in each Sunday School. In order to reach this goal we recommend that an Orphanage representative be appointed by this body to contact every Sunday School and church in the Association. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Report on

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The last three years have been eventful in the expansion of the hospital. Three years ago the hospital had a bed capacity of 100 and by overcrowding, we were caring for 4,000 patients per year.

Today, we have a modernly constructed and equipped hospital with a bed capacity of almost 10,000 patients annually, and now caring for about 650 patients per month. Owing to shortage of nurses caused by war conditions, the hospital has been unable to open a few rooms.

We shall have this year not less than 2,500 service or free patients. This will represent, including hospital and medical service, about \$250,000 in free service for this year.

The hospital has a staff of 26 internes and about 100 doctors practicing in the hospital. In addition, it has free service of the entire staff of the Medical School whenever desired for consultation and diagnosis. Every department is thoroughly organized to give most efficient service possible.

The equipment, as well as the building, is entirely modern. The hospital recently added \$20,000 worth of new instruments to the operating rooms and \$44,000 worth of new X-Ray equipment, making an X-Ray department "None better in the South."

The hospital, in conjunction with the Medical School, has a floor-space of four acres and represents a value to the denomination of \$2,000,000 with only a very small amount of indebtedness.

The purpose of the hospital shall remain as ever—to give hospital treatment to those who are unable to pay for same, educate nurses with Christian ideals, and at the same time maintain a standard of scientific efficiency "second to none in the country." It is the abiding purpose of the management that it shall be definitely a Christian Institution with all that it implies.

This greatly expanded service which is growing more and more into every section of the state, of course, requires an increased support. This, we are glad to report, is growing year by year. In addition to the Mother's Day offering by the churches and Sunday Schools, which has increased in the last few years from \$11,500 to about \$38,000 this year, the hospital linens contributed by the W. M. U.'s and other church agencies has increased year by year.

MRS. GLENN DANCY,
W. W. CALLOWAY,
REV. GRANT COTHREN,
Committee.

Report read by Mrs. Glenn Dancy. Motion for adoption. Discussed by Dr. Smith Hagaman, Elder G. Cothren. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Resolved: We thank Roaring Gap Church out of the gratitude of our hearts for their generous hospitality, and fine spirit of fellowship. We pray God's blessing on them.

Respectfully submitted,

V. WINFREY LUFFMAN,
R. C. DANCY, Committee.

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Jesus has said to us, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Blessed indeed are we who had parents who took us to Sunday School, for the Sunday School had a great part in teaching us and influencing us to come unto Jesus and get the peace which he gives.

It is the young person who is constantly in contact with those who teach God's word, and with influences that point to Christ, that gives his heart to Christ and grows in grace, just as it is water that is put on the fire that gets hot, not that which is left in the cold.

If we will get the children to Sunday School and church, and lift Christ up so they may see Him, He will draw them to Him.

Let us resolve to make a greater effort than we have been making to get people to Sunday School. They will come if we will make them

know that we are in dead earnest about wanting them to come, and if we will give them something worth while when they come. If the Sunday School leaders are men and women who have the courage of their convictions, and who pray till they have power from on high, then souls will be won to Christ in our Sunday School.

Oh, that we of America would return unto God with all our hearts, and put away the things from among us that we love better than we do Him, and serve Him only, then He would deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and make us a strong nation. There could be no better way to accomplish this than that we would become again a nation of people who go to Sunday School and church service.

We are glad that it is our privilege in our Association to have an annual Sunday School Convention. We recommend to the churches that they cooperate fully with the Chairman, our Moderator, Bro. Gilliam, in making each session mean a great deal in our work. The next session will meet at Knobbs Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. V. NIX,

MRS. J. E. DeJOURNETTE,

MRS. W. W. CALLOWAY,

Committee.

After which instructed the Clerk to have 600 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the several churches as usual and to retain any funds that may be left over for his services.

Song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock Mountain Time.

Place: Stony Ridge Baptist Church.

Preacher: Elder Grant Cothren; alternate, Elder S. L. Blevins.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder G. Cothren.

Arrangements Committee: C. C. Gambill, C. C. Blevins, A. R. Myers, E. R. Fox, L. G. Billings.

J. A. GILLIAM, Moderator,

A. C. YALE, Clerk.

SUNDAY SESSION

Association reassembled 10:00 A. M. Singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Blessed Assurance."

Devotional conducted by the Clerk, A. C. Yale, reading a part of the 23rd chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Elder S. L. Blevins.

Sunday School report read by Mrs. W. V. Nix. Discussed by Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Elder W. V. Nix, Bro. J. A. Gilliam, Elder G. Cothren, Mrs. Johnce Gentry, Mrs. W. V. Nix.

After which Elder S. L. Blevins came forward and delivered a soul stirring sermon. Text, 2nd Samuel 5:10.

At the close of Bro. Blevins' sermon the congregation joined in singing, "Shall We Gather at the River," and a general handshake.

Peace, love and union prevailed the entire session. May it ever be so.

CLERK.

Baptist Home—I. F. Elledge, John McGrady, J. G. Kilby.
 Benham—Milt Windsor, Jack Hoots, Arthur West.
 Chestnut Grove—Connie Lyons, J. A. Childers, Goldie Shumate.
 Dehart—J. Y. Brooks, R. E. Huie.
 Elk Spur—Jno. A. Royal, L. M. Higgins, Kilby Royal.
 Flint Hill—Royal Clonch, Lewie Blackburn, Ancel Brown.
 Fairplains—J. V. Wallace, C. A. Marlow, Mrs. J. W. Yale.
 Haymeadow—I. H. Sebastian, C. C. Dillard, A. R. Myers.
 Knobbs—C. S. Lyons, John Lyons, J. A. McCann.
 Mount Pisgah—L. G. Billings, C. A. Absher, W. N. Sparks.
 Mountain Valley—Gordon Foster, J. A. Adams, J. C. Kilby.
 Mt. Zion—Mr. and Mrs. Larence Shumate, H. T. Turner.
 Maple Grove—Glenn Dancy, C. C. Gambill, E. R. Fox.
 Mountain View—By Letter.
 New Light—Clifton Privette, Boss Blackburn, Eda Parks.
 Piney Grove—H. J. Spicer, W. F. Bowers, Johncie Cleary.
 Pleasant Ridge—V. Winfrey Luffman, T. G. Walsh, M. M. Layell.
 Roaring Gap—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, W. W. Calloway, J. N. Gen-
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 Rock Springs—Barnie Shumate, W. M. Absher, F. P. Taylor.
 Stony Ridge—Charlie Billings, G. B. Crabb, Click Bauguess.
 Traphill—Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Bert Brown, Claud Brown.
 Union—Frank Huffman, J. M. Parsons, J. M. Staley.
 Walnut Grove—W. M. Pruitt, Wiley Gambill, Talmage Gambill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$44.48
Received for Cooperative Program	10.50
Received for Ministers' Relief	8.90
Received for Hospitals	9.40
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Total	\$73.28

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee and otherwise:

For Minutes and Clerk	\$48.33
Cooperative Program	10.50
Ministers' Relief	8.90
Hospitals	9.40
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Total	\$77.13

Paid to Clerk:

For Minutes and his services	\$48.33
For Cooperative Program	10.50
For Aged Ministers' Relief	8.90
For Hospitals	9.40
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Total \$77.13

A. C. YALE, Treas. Ex-Officio.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES REPORT

Received by Baptism	103
Received by Letter	31
Received by Statement	5

Total Gain	139
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Lost by Letter	34
Lost by Death	20
Lost by Erasure	3
Lost by Exclusion	4

Total Loss	61
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Net Gain	78
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A. C. YALE, for Committee.

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Brethren, we find by searching the scriptures that the Lord hath commanded His ministers to feed the church which He hath purchased with His own blood, and to feed them upon the sincere milk of the word, and that by so doing, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear they shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. And, brethren, we find that the Lord hath commanded the church to follow the instructions of His ministers, to love them, pray for them, and support them with temporal needs.

A. C. YALE, for Committee.

OUR DEAD ARE

Benham—Mrs. C. F. Fields.

Chestnut Grove—Mr. Nelson Reeves.

Dehart—Mr. John Wesley Miles.

Fairplains—Mrs. Eula Warren Alexander.

Mt. Pisgah—Mr. J. E. Billings, Mr. Robert Bowers, Mrs. Mary Ann Ellis, Miss Janie Holbrook.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Millie Absher, Mrs. Samanthly Hauke, Mr. Lewis Hauke.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Cinthia Spicer.

Roaring Gap—Mrs. Hattie Billings.

Traphill—Mrs. Phoebe Joines.

Walnut Grove—Mrs. Emma Blevins, Mr. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. Emeline Blevins, Mrs. Dossie Hanks, Mrs. Julia A. Johnson.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Stone Mountain Association, Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Baptist Home.....	C	1926	Richard Day, Elkin.....	4	129	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....	138	yes	1	1	1
Bethel.....	C	.....	Not represented.....	2	156	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benham.....	C	1919	G. Cothren, Traphill.....	3	118	17	1	2	.....	1	.....	133	no	2	1	.....
Chestnut Grove.....	C	1900	L. C. Johnson, Hays.....	3	74	.....	1	3	.....	1	.....	71	no	1	1	.....
Dehart.....	C	1915	Hillery Blevins, Hays.....	2	71	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	no	1	.....	.....
Elk Spur.....	C	1900	Guy Cox, Traphill.....	2	54	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	51	no	1	1	.....
Flint Hill.....	C	1922	Ralph Miller, North Wilkesboro.....	3	91	4	2	1	1	1	.....	94	no	2	.....	.....
Fairplains.....	V	1902	S. L. Blevins, Hays.....	3	230	6	7	1	1	1	.....	240	yes	1	1	.....
Haymeadow.....	C	1905	D. C. Miller, Hays, R. 1.....	3	157	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	163	no	2	1	.....
Knobbs.....	C	1906	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River.....	4	99	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	102	yes	1	1	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	C	1908	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro.....	1	91	5	.....	1	.....	4	.....	91	yes	2	1	.....
Mountain Valley.....	C	1937	D. C. Miller, Hays, R. 1.....	2	90	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	94	no	1	1	.....
Mt. Zion.....	C	1898	Glenn Huffman, Parsons ville.....	4	90	1	.....	1	.....	3	.....	87	no	1	1	.....
Maple Grove.....	C	1932	S. L. Blevins, Hays.....	1	110	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	114	no	2	1	1
Mountain View.....	V	1918	A. B. Hayes, Hays.....	4	65	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	no	2	.....	.....
New Light.....	C	1899	C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River.....	2	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	yes	1	1	.....
Oak Grove.....	C	1905	Not represented.....	4	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	C	1888	L. E. Sparks, Moxley.....	4	150	8	.....	2	.....	1	.....	155	no	1	1	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	C	1907	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville.....	4	176	3	4	3	1	.....	.....	185	yes	2	1	.....
Roaring Gap.....	C	1902	G. Cothren, Traphill.....	4	134	11	5	.....	.....	1	.....	148	no	1	1	.....
Rock Springs.....	C	1934	J. A. Blevins, Hays.....	2	120	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	118	no	.....	.....	.....
Stony Ridge.....	C	1925	L. E. Sparks, Moxley.....	3	68	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	no	1	1	1
Traphill.....	V	1887	G. Cothren, Traphill.....	1	80	2	1	3	.....	.....	1	79	yes	1	1	.....
Union.....	C	1911	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro.....	3	132	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	no	1	1	.....
Walnut Grove.....	C	1902	Gar Pruitt, Springfield.....	1	238	4	.....	4	2	.....	5	231	yes	1	1	.....
Total.....				.....	103	31	534	4	320	2755	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Teachers hold diplomas														
		Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Have you a Mission S.S.	Total Enrollment, Off- cers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A1?
Baptist Home.....	Clifton Byrd, North Wilkesboro.....	23	14	22	20	9	37	2	no	127	76	7	yes	no	2	
Bethel.....	Not represented	10	8	21	16	17	5	no	77	50	no	no	no	no	no	
Benham.....	J. D. Luffman, Ronda.....	15	25	10	15	10	5	no	80	25	no	no	no	no	no	
Chestnut Grove.....	Connie Haynes, Reddies River.....	10	12	14	12	10	10	no	60	48	no	no	no	no	no	
Dehart.....	S. T. Childers, Radical.....	9	11	10	10	10	10	no	30	30	no	no	no	no	no	
Elk Spur.....	Clay Royal, Miles.....	27	13	16	12	10	6	no	68	40	no	no	no	no	no	
Flint Hill.....	Otha Call, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1.....	25	34	35	30	34	40	10	no	208	160	2	yes	no	no	
Fairplains.....	G. B. Dearman, N. Wilkesboro.....	5	6	11	3	20	24	8	no	77	50	6	yes	no	no	
Haymeadow.....	V. M. Harrold, Hays.....	12	3	8	11	10	6	14	7	no	61	30	5	no	no	
Knobbs.....	C. A. Absher, Dockery.....	2	3	14	10	27	24	8	no	85	70	21	no	no	no	
Mt. Pisgah.....	Gwyn Hayes, Reddies River.....	25	15	17	11	18	8	no	94	83	yes	no	1	no	no	
Mt. Zion.....	L. W. Shumate, Reddies River.....	6	8	10	9	12	10	8	no	55	33	4	yes	no	no	
Maple Grove.....	Glenn Dancy, Hays.....	3	10	8	12	10	16	7	no	59	45	no	no	1	no	
Mountain View.....	C. E. Billings, Hays.....	12	14	25	23	32	30	60	12	no	208	122	3	yes	no	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River.....	7	6	16	14	21	15	8	no	82	65	7	no	no	no	
Oak Grove.....	Not represented	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	
Piney Grove.....	Arthur Gambill, Moxley.....	14	24	20	18	10	18	6	no	76	50	3	no	no	no	
Pleasant Ridge.....	B. W. Carter, State Road.....	12	14	25	23	32	30	60	12	no	208	122	3	yes	no	
Roaring Gap.....	J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond.....	7	6	16	14	21	15	8	no	82	65	7	no	no	no	
Rock Springs.....	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	
Stony Ridge.....	Charlie Billings, Lomax.....	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	Not given	
Traphill.....	Paul Holbrook, Traphill.....	2	10	12	15	15	15	6	no	45	30	2	no	no	no	
Union.....	Odell Whittington, Reddies River.....	10	6	15	15	6	6	6	4	no	68	50	no	no	no	
Walnut Grove.....	Gwyn Gambill, Springfield.....	8	8	10	22	6	15	6	3	no	72	45	no	no	no	

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Stone Mountain Baptist Association for Year Ending September, 1942

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES		No. W. M. S.	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	G. A.'s Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission	Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Baptist Home.....	Not given	.....	1	120	20	.....	20	.....	.....	\$23.00	\$ 2.00
Maple Grove.....	Mrs. E. R. Fox, Hays	.....	1	120	20	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Walker Luffman, State Road	.....	1	124	24	.....	24	.....	.....	2.50	40.00
Traphill.....	Mrs. W. V. Nix, Traphill	.....	1	210	6	.....	16	.....	16	11.00	15.55

TABLE V—Church Property of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1942

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Baptist Home.....	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1926	wood	400	1	*8	\$2500.00	\$2550.00	\$1500.00
Bethel.....	Not represented									
Benham.....	H. F. Byrd, Benham	yes	1919	wood	300	1		2200.00	2200.00	
Chestnut Grove.....	McKinley Absher, Mertie	yes	1900	wood	150	1		200.00	200.00	
Dehart.....	R. E. Huie, Hays	yes	1915	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Elk Spur.....	J. A. Royal, Traphill	yes	1900	wood	300	1		300.00	300.00	
Flint Hill.....	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	yes	1922	wood	300	1		2500.00	2500.00	
Fairplains.....	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro.....	yes	1902	wood	500	5	4	3000.00	3000.00	
Haymeadow.....	L. H. Sebastian, Hays	yes	1905	wood	200	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Knobbs.....	C. F. Lyon, Traphill	yes	1906	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Mt. Pisgah.....	L. G. Billings, Dockery	yes	1908	wood	400	1		1500.00	1500.00	
Mountain Valley.....	Trelia Kilby, Reddies River	yes	1937	wood	300	1		1800.00	1800.00	
Mt. Zion.....	H. T. Turner, Reddies River	yes	1898	wood	500	1		2000.00	2000.00	
Maple Grove.....	A. C. Yale, Hays	yes	1932	wood	300	1	*8	1500.00	1500.00	
Mountain View.....	Wilmer Woodruff, Hays	yes	1918	**	300	7		5000.00	5000.00	
New Light.....	Clifton Prevette, Roaring River	yes	1899	wood	500	1		1200.00	1300.00	
Oak Grove.....	Not represented									
Piney Grove.....	H. J. Spicer, Abshers	yes	1888	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	Hubert Martin, State Road	yes	1907	wood	400	8	5	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Roaring Gap.....	Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Thurmond.....	yes	1902	wood	500	1		1200.00	1200.00	
Rock Springs.....	J. W. Hall, Halls Mills	yes	1934	wood	400	5		1025.00	1025.00	
Stony Ridge.....	Garvey Billings, Lomax	yes	1925	wood	450	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Traphill.....	Mrs. Roy Billings, Traphill	yes	1887	wood	200	1		2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Union.....	Evan Colvard, Wilbar	yes	1911	wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00	
Walnut Grove.....	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	yes	1902	wood	500	1		3000.00	3000.00	

* Separated by curtains

** Brick veneer

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Stone Mountain Association, for Year Ending September, 1942

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.	Pledged to Cooperative Program
Baptist Home	John McGrady, N. Wilkesboro	\$140.21	\$	\$17.00	\$	\$	\$24.50	\$43.40	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$248.21	\$25.00
Bethel	Not represented												
Benham	Milt Windsor, Benham	60.00	10.00	21.40	100.00		7.10	10.00		2.00		210.50	
Chestnut Grove	McKinley Absher, Mertie	42.85		4.50	6.72			6.35		2.00		61.92	5.00
Dehart	R. E. Huie, Hays	11.35		5.00	10.76					1.85		28.71	
Elk Spur	John A. Royal, Traphill									1.25		1.25	
Flint Hill	T. W. Clonch, N. Wilkesboro	35.00					3.00	28.29		3.00		69.29	
Fairplains	Bruce Dearman, N. Wilkesboro	227.00		50.00	3.00		21.00	69.18		3.40	60.27	430.45	5.00
Haymeadow	I. H. Sebastian, Hays	71.30		32.00			19.70	7.20		2.00		147.08	
Knobs	C. S. Lyons, Traphill	13.50		6.22			12.50	6.75	18.50	1.65		174.04	
Mt. Pisgah	L. G. Billings, Dockery	105.14		29.50		70.00	9.60	33.34	10.00	1.50		274.59	
Mountain Valley	Jno. Adams, Wilkesboro	125.55	8.85	17.25		156.77	9.60	8.23		2.50	2.50	354.60	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. H. T. Turner Reddies River	135.00		47.50			9.60	15.64	25.00	3.50		503.59	15.00
Maple Grove	E. R. Fox, Hays	170.70		30.00	250.00		29.10	21.60	8.00	1.50		165.20	
Mountain View	Eldon Woodruff, Hays	85.00		20.00			2.00	10.00		1.50	50.00	109.00	
New Light	Boss Blackburn, Roaring River	33.00											
Oak Grove	Not represented												
Piney Grove	W. F. Bowers, Absbers	75.00	6.50		3.00			5.00	6.75	2.00		98.25	
Pleasant Ridge	C. W. Luffman, State Road	423.52			75.00		165.52	65.69	4.18	2.50	41.53	777.94	10.00
Roaring Gap	Mrs. W. W. Calloway, Thurmond	80.00		8.00	4.90		16.17	23.75		2.20		135.25	5.00
Rock Springs	J. W. Hall, Halls Mills									1.00		1.00	
Stony Ridge	Garvey Billings, Lomax	75.00								1.50		76.50	
Traphill	Bert Brown, Traphill	113.50		53.00			24.20	13.56	11.00	2.50	7.30	225.25	15.55
Union	Frank Huffman, Wilbar	82.00		10.75	185.00		9.60	20.00		2.50		307.35	10.50
Walnut Grove	Gorman Blevins, Springfield	52.00		22.25			5.00			2.08		81.33	

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Executive Committee and Officers of Association

J. A. Hollifield, Chairman	Shulls' Mills
Rev. W. M. Brown	Blowing Rock
J. Merritt Coffy	Blowing Rock
Rev. Lee J. Church	Moderator
G. W. Gragg	Vice Moderator
N. L. Harrison	Clerk and Treasurer

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Sunday School Director—Hayden Fox. Assistants, Stacy Ford and N. L. Harrison

Baptist State Convention—W. H. Byerly, W. D. Ashly, Roscoe Green and W. J. Cook

Correspondent to Three Forks Association, Judd Golds to Caldwell Association, Ransom Harmon, to Avery Association, L. E. Gragg, to Ash Association, Noah Beshears.

Associational Missionaries, W. M. Brown, Roscoe Green and Roosevelt Gragg.

B. T. U. Director, Mrs. Lloyd Coffy, Christine Harrison.

W. M. U. Director, Mrs. G. W. Gragg, Bertha Day.

Hospital Director, Lank Tolbert.

Orphanage Director—J. Merritt Coffy.

Christian Training, Virgil Greer.

Religious Literature, Robert Shore.

Temperance, Kenneth Brown.

NOMINATIONS

Duties of Pastors, W. D. Ashley.

Duties of Churches, A. F. Knight.

Committees on digest of letters, Winifred Hampton, J. A. Hollifield, and Howard Townsend.

RESOLUTION ON PROGRESS OF YOUR CHURCH

Boones' Fork	Mrs. J. Merritt Coffey
Bailey Camp	Ira Ford
Doe Ridge	Don Miller

Grandmother's Gap	Windom Gragg
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Stella May Ward
Laurel Fork	H. M. Story
Mt. Ephraim	Olin Miller
Mt. Paran	Jasper Green
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Rena Cook
Mt. View	Charlie Smith
New Hopewell	Spencer Coffy
Rock Spring	T. W. Wodd
Rock View	Lonnie Carlton
Sandy Flat	A. B. Craig
Watauga	J. C. Mann
Yellow Hill	Coy N. Church
Lay Town	Howard Pennel
Benevolence	W. B. Bryant
Obituaries	General Watson
State Missions	H. H. Smith
Foreign Missions	B. F. Wilcox
Annual Sermon	Rev. Frank Knight, Alternate, W. D. Ashley

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

BOONES' FORK—J. A. Hollifield, Hart Knight, W. B. Estes, Alternates Mrs. Emma Gragg, Mrs. Julia Coffy and Mrs. Flora Coffy.

BAILEYS' CAMP—Ransom Harmon, Murry Green, Steward Ford, Alternates Mrs. Ransom Harmon, Miss Lydia Green. Mrs. Bob Tolbert, Miss Dorothy Ford, Miss Mozelia Tolbert, Miss Dorothy Tolbert, Mr. Robert Laws, Mr. Lank Tolbert, Olin Harmon, Mrs. Claude Pauland.

DOE RIDGE—Kenneth Brown, Walter Culler, A. M. Brown.

GRANDMOTHERS' GAP—Roosevelt Gragg, Windom Gragg, Spencer Gragg.

HOPKINS' CHAPEL—D. L. Chester, Daniel Coffy, Mrs. Daniel Coffy, Mrs. Beuna Coffy. Alternate—W. H. Byerly.

MT. VIEW—Judd Golds, Frank Woods, Vonnie Greene, Alternate, Callie Greene.

LAUREL FORK—Carnie Story, Roy Holder, Arthur Triplett. Alternates, M. O. Coffy, W. D. Coffy.

MT. EPHRAIM—Virgil Greer, Mansfield Miller, William Miller.

MT. PARAN—Russau Watson, Jasper Greene, Hellen Watson, Annie Watson.

MT. VERNON—Milton Gragg, Billie Cook, Bill Hayes, Alternates, Mrs. Rena Cook, Miss Christine Harrison.

NEW HOPEWELL—Spencer Coffey, L. E. Gragg, Mrs. Violet Zuber, Alternate, Argie Gragg.

ROCK VIEW—Lonnie Carlton, Wash Hodges, Clyde Robbins, Alternate, Charlie Hodges.

ROCK SPRINGS—J. T. Woods, Willie Minton, Hamp Triplette, Fred Hodge.

SANDY FLAT—I. H. Henderson, S. T. Icenhour, Reeves Shore, Walt Hollars.

WATAUGA—Hayden Fox, Howard Townsend, Ted Townsend, Alternates, Mrs. Hayden Fox, Mrs. Howard Townsend, Mrs. Ted Townsend.

YELLOW HILL—C. C. Michael, Noah C. Beshears, Aldrain Greene, Alternates, N. C. Mikeal, A. H. Beshears, T. F. Church.

LAYTOWN—Jas. M. Dillard, M. A. Dillard, Lance Summerlin, Zora Dillard.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ashley W. D., Blowing Rock; Brown W. M., Blowing Rock; Beshears N. C., Summit; Cook W. J., Boone; Greer R. G., Fleetwood; Hendrix Theo. Stony Fork; Mann J. C., Banner Elk; Triplett Carl, Blowing Rock; Triplett Ben, Deep Gap; Wilcox J. H., Summit; Brown A. M., Boone; Barnes R. L., Boone; Church J. W., Summit; Green Roscoe, Deep Gap; Gilley W. M., Fleetwood; Keller Sam, Shull's Mills; Robbins Ed. Blowing Rock; Wilcox B. F., Blowing Rock.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Since the Session convened the executive committee met and arranged the list of Nominations and are asking these on the list to be sure and not fail to be on time next session with the best report possible after having done all in their power to

see to it that their church does all it can to help every cause that the "Baptist Denomination" stands for, and by so doing they will help every other church.

Now do you love us? Will you do this for us? No for the Master's sake?

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1944. TUESDAY MORNING

The Lord our Shepherd: let's go forward in Service, Theme.

9:00-9:20—Song, Rreading of the Word and Interpretation and Prayer.

9:20-9:30—Roll call

9:30-9:45—Address of Moderator

9:45-11:00—Report of Missionaries, Delegates and Directors for 1944.

11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon

Noon recess one hour.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00-1:20—Devotional

1:20-1:40—Sunday Schools

1:40-2:00—B. T. U. Report

2:00-2:20—W. M. U. Report

2:20-2:40—Religious Literature

2:40-3:00—Christian Training

3:00-3:30—Singing and closing worship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00-9:20—Devotional

9:20-9:40—Temperance Report

9:40-10:00—Missions Report

10:00-10:45—Benevolence Report

10:45-11:00—Digest of Letters Report

11:00-11:30—Duties of Pastors and Duties of Churches

11:30-12:00—Miscellaneous.

Noon

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00-1:30—Reports of Officers and Committees not having reported.

- 1:30-2:00—Discussions on how to make our churches better in every way possible, by YOU
2:00-2:30—Resolutions
2:30-3:00—Singing and Closing Worship.

Proceedings

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 1943

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Stony Fork Baptist Association, in its eighty-second annual session, convened with Boone's Fork Baptist Church, Shulls' Mills, N. C.

The session was opened by singing, then Scripture reading by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, Heb. 1. ch. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

4th elected Rev. Lee J. Church, Moderator and G. W. Gragg, Assistant Moderator; N. L. Harrison, Clerk-Treasurer.

5th called roll of churches and all were represented, either by letter, or, delegates, except 3 and all, both by letter and delegates next day.

6th Layton Baptist Church asked to join Stony Fork Baptist Association and were unanimously received.

7th Address of Moderator.

8th Visitors were recognized, namely Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. N. M. Green from Three Forks Association. Rev. Henry Crisp and Rev. W. B. Bryant from Caldwell Association. Brother Smith Hagaman, Supt. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem and Rev. Dan Wheeler from Swannee Association.

9th Heard reports from Rev. Roscoe Green, Rev. W. M. Brown and Rev. Roosevelt Gragg, Missionaries, all of which were gladly received.

10th Heard report on Benevolence by G. W. Gragg which was received and spoken to by G. W. Gragg. Supt. Smith Hagaman and Rev. Dan Wheeler and adopted.

Also report from delegates to Baptist State Convention, G. W. Gragg and N. L. Harrison.

Also report of Executive Committee. This conference with the clerk which was only one time and all that was done was the rearranging of the Order of Business for 1943. Report received.

11th Song, "Amazing Grace" and reading 6 verses of 15th chapter of John and prayer by Rev. J. C. Canipe and using this 6th verse of the 15th chapter of John-Text-Abide in me. We had our Annual Sermon by Rev. W. B. Bryant. Then song, "There is a Fountain filled with Blood" and benediction. Then adjourned for 60 minutes.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon devotion, Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. W. B. Bryant. Then received reports on, Religious Literature, also State Missions and the discussion by Rev. J. C. Canipe gladly received.

Next we heard report on Temperance, by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, which was received and spoken to by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, then adopted.

Now we heard report on Digest of Letters by committee J. A. Hollifield, Bill Hayes, Winifred Hampton and Mrs. Gladys Brown. This report received and adopted.

Next report on Woman's Work, received and spoken to by the writer, Mrs. G. W. Gragg. Next, singing and benediction by Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Recessed till nine tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Session opened by singing and devotion by Rev. Linnie Barnes. Scripture, Luke 10:1-6.

Then recognized visitors—Rev. D. M. Edmisten from Avery Association, Rev. J. C. Brown from Cranberry, Rev. A. McMillan from Mills Home.

Next we heard brother McMillan on Benevolence. Rev. H. H. Crisp also spoke.

Next report on Sunday School. Then report on Missions.

Report on Christian Training. Then singing the song, "It Won't be Long," by Boones' Fork quartette and class. Closing worship.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

First afternoon Boones' Fork class sang for us 3 songs-- "I Am Ready to Go," "Keep Traveling On" and "I Have Not long to Stay."

Next devotion conducted by Rev. J. C. Brown.

Then Moderator appointed Roscoe Green, W. M. Brown and Roosevelt Gragg, Associational Missionaries for the year 1944. Also heard report on Time, Place and Preacher. Time, Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in September, 1944. Place Watauga Church, near the foot of the Grandfather Mountain, on the east side and Preacher, Rev. Frank Knight for Annual Sermon. Rev. W. D. Ashley, alternate.

Next voted our thanks for hospitality. We cannot forget and will ever remember the kindness, hospitality, the meals of refreshment and the great way in which the people of Boones' Fork entertained the great host of people during the 1943 Session of Stony Fork Association. All say from the deep of our heart "May God's richest blessings be on them."

Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Prayer by Rev. Roscoe Green

Closing Worship. Surely the Spirit of God was in the closing worship. Then benediction by Rev. W. D. Ashley.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The word means one sent out, the work of spreading religious principles. This being true, Jesus has sent us out. He said "go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have Comanded you." Jesus come to this world on a mission to teach, to preach, to heal, and lay down His life for the sheep. Greater love hath no man than this, that a may lay down his life for his friends. He told His disciples, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." He told his disciples "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." Therefore said He unto them, "the harvest is truly great; but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest" There is no time for idleness.

Jesus said unto them; "lift up your eyes, and look on the

fields for they are white already to harvest. Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves, walk in wisdom toward them, that are without, redeeming the time, that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. Jesus come to this world to save souls, to preserve life by a great deliverance.

In Him was life, and the life was the life of men. Jesus said unto his disciples; "ye are the light of the world, holding forth the word of life."

Phil. 2:16: That I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

Respectfully submitted,
Roosevelt Gragg Comm.

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MISSIONS

The Apostle Paul was the great Missionary Hero, of the first century if not of all centuries. If any one therefore is qualified to expound to us the great missionary call of the gospel, it is this Missionary Hero and inspired Apostle of God. We should study his life to learn more of God's Missionary Program, and pray that our hearts may be big enough to love it all and our vision long enough to see it all; for Christ died for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wm. Brown, Comm.

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These reports spoken to after having been received, by Rev. Wm. Brown, Rev. B. F. Wilcox, Rev. D. M. Edmisten and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intemperance has been agitating the minds of our people for a long time. No encouragement has been received whatsoever. The drink evil is a drag on morality and spirituality. This drink evil should be obnoxious to the best element of the citizenship of our beloved country. Disdain it; fight the stuff called strong drink, with all your energy and possibly there can be some advancement along the line. It certainly would be an uplift and God send if it was abolished from our beloved country; if it was dumped into the abyss of woe and destruction.' "

B. F. Wilcox

This report received and spoken to by Rev. B. F. Wilcox, then adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Luke 10:2—The harvest truly is great; but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers in into His harvest. This command applies to every one who claim to know our Lord. This signifies that we are in a Spiritual warfare that calls for devotion to Christ and His cause. The heart must be filled with a passionate desire for those living in sin. As the greatest aid for carrying on this service, we have great emphasis on prayer. Next we have emphasized soul winning.

Realizing that the kingdom comes through personal witnessing for Christ. The only way Jesus provided for a lost world to know Him as Savior is through his people. Those who know Him in heart and soul. We realize we cannot go forth and conquer for Christ in our own strength; but we must have the Spirit dwelling in us and working through us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Etta Gragg

This report received and spoken to by Mrs. Etta Gragg, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mr. Smith Hagaman and Rev. W. B. Bryant and adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

Under the name benevolence, we carry the work of the Orphanage and Old Ministers Relief. Our two Orphan homes, Mills Home and Kennedy Home, have not only been our care; but our blessing.

May we continue to care for those institutions by our monthly offerings and in Sunday School and a generous Thanksgiving offering each year.

Our Hospital at Winston-Salem, is being enlarged in order to meet the growing demand for aid to the unfortunate. Also for the Medical College being built in connection with it. May we continue our Mothers' Day, offering in ever increasing amounts.

Our Old Ministers' Relief Department continues to help the old servants of God, many of whom have little or, no other provision for them.

So will our ministers' retirement plan, be a blessing to all our churches and ministers as well. We therefore, recommend that all churches, in this Association and ministers as well, take advantage of this plan, soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Gragg, Comm.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

To bring up a child in the way it should go is building a foundation on which more efficient service and greater progress for the program of God may be laid. Biblical history declares unto us that heroic men of old were fortunate to have Christian Training in their homes.

Since Institutional Training, has taken a large part of this responsibility from the home, and since we as Christian People and a group of churches working for, God's Great Program; for the greatest of all programs; let's be sure that we as churches banded together feel our responsibility toward these Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Brown

This report received and spoken to by Rev. Wm. Brown, Rev. Dan Wheeler, Mrs. John Gragg, Rev. J. C. Brown and Christine Harrison and adopted.

Report on S. S. approved and spoken to by Rev. W. D. Ashley, N. L. Harrison, Rev. D. M. Edmiston, Rev. J. C. Brown and adopted. It follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every true Baptist Church to be sure, should have as its teaching agency, a Sunday School. Jesus went into the Lord's House, on the Lord's Day and taught and made the teaching a "Custom"

Now everything that Jesus did for you and every one to help in any way should be taught.

We can learn much on Sunday and Sunday should be used for this purpose; but just Sunday is not enough, we should find a lot more time for this study and teaching. Too, our teaching should be so carefully planned and guarded so that it all may center around our Christ, that students will understand His plan of Salvation and Evangelism as result.

The Sunday School is a fine place for every one, even the best business men, as well as for women and children.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. Harrison

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Membership 1943	1552
Baptisms 1943	60
Enrollment in S. S.	1135
Paid Pastors	\$1668.16
Church expenses	\$2056.77
To Missions	\$69.42
To local gifts	\$280.56
To Hospitals	141.47
To Orphanage	195.74

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for printing of Minutes and clerk hire	\$62.34
Voted to pay clerk	\$15.00
Due clerk for 1942	\$8.92

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In Memoriam

LAYTOWN—

Deacon H. S. Brown

YELLOW HILL—

Mrs. Rebecca Wilburn

SANDY FLAT—

Mr. W. A. Dufey

NEW HOPEWELL—

Elder Lincoln Woodruff

MT. VERNON—

Mrs. Betty Hartley

MT. VIEW—

Mr. Lee Jordan

Deacon Judson Greene

BOONE'S FORK—

Mrs. Ila Hollifield

Mrs. Elanor McCrosky

Miss Mattie Richards

Mr. W. J. Gragg

MIDDLE CANE—

Mrs. Alice Hodge

Deacon John W. Hendrix.

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CONSTITUTION, RULES OF DECORUM, AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

To be governed by the Word of God only. Any church wishing to become a member of this body after examination being found orthodox and sound in the faith and orderly may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

1. Always begin and end each Session with prayer.

2. Admit none as messengers but such as come recommended by letter well authenticated from the Churches from which they came.

3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot.

4. When a church petitions by letter for admission, if approved of the Moderator is to inform the messengers that their request is granted and desire them to take seats.

5. All who have anything to offer are to rise and address the Moderator.

6. While one is speaking the others are to be silent, yet all have a right to speak in turn.

7. No partiality, or, respect of person is to be used, or shown.

8. Every matter should be canvassed with gravity, modesty and a sincere aim after truth.

9. When all are not agreed the matter may be put to a vote and a majority to determine.

10. All queries sent by the churches should be answered if expedient.

11. All matters proposed relative to the general good of the churches should be seriously attended to.

12. The transactions of the Association shall be sent to all the churches in the Confederation with which may be sent a circular letter if thought expedient.

13. Every transaction should be conformable to the revealed will of God.

14. By the Association the churches may have such doubts as arise among themselves cleared which will prevent disputes, Acts 15th ch. 28thv.

15. They will be furnished with salutary councils. Prov. 11:14.

16. The Churches will be more closely united in proving the cause of Christ.

17. A member who is aggrieved through partiality or any other wrong received by the church may have an opportunity of applying for dissection.

18. A Godly and sound Ministry will be encouraged while a ministry that is unsound and ungodly will be discountenanced.

19. There will be a reciprocal communion of these gifts Phil. 4:15.

20. Ministers may be sent out to preach the Gospel to those that are destitute. Gal. 2:9.

21. A large party may draw off from the church by means of an intruding minister, or, otherwise and the aggrieved may have no way of obtaining redress but from the Association.

22. A church may become heretical with which her Godly members can no longer communicate, yet can not obtain any relief; but by the Association.

23. Contentions may arise between the sister churches which **the association is most likely to remove.**

24. The churches may have candidates for the ministry properly tried by the association. These and other advantages arising from an association must induce every Godly church to desire union with such a body; but should any stand off; it would argue much self sufficiency and little, or, no desire after the unity of the Spirit as mutual edification.

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1, We believe in one only true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	S. S. SUPTS. AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Church Members	S. S. Members	Tot. Den. Contributions,	Local Ch. Contributions,	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total
Bailey Camp.....	O. C. Dellinger, Lenoir.....	Lank Tolbert, Blowing Rock.....	51	45	97	90.15	83.77	173.94	
Boone's Fork.....	A. F. Knight, Shulls Mill.....	Herman Coffy, Blowing Rock.....	6101	57	794.28	135.25	929.53		
Doe Ridge.....	Ronda Earp, Boone.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	4	32	53	40.59	63.19	103.78	
Grandmother Gd.P.....	W. H. Byerly, Lenoir.....	Roosev. Gragg, Linville.....	0	23	30	8.85	14.53	23.38	
Hopkins' Chapel.....	W. H. Byerly, Lenoir.....	Stella Ward, Edgemont.....	0	40	42	31.85	72.95	104.80	
Laurel Fork.....	Howard Shore, Boone.....	H. M. Storie, Blowing Rock.....	3127	65	105.18	167.41	272.59		
Mt. View.....	.....	.....	3	31	29	240.67	150.76	391.43	
Mt. Ephraim.....	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	C. C. Triplett, Boone.....	0	215	75	177.52	247.67	388.67	
Mt. Paran.....	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	Jasper Green, Deep Gap.....	0	47	32	44.17	81.27	120.28	
Mt. Vernon.....	Rufus Mitchell, Boone.....	Clide Bentley, Blowing Rock.....	8	259	206	636.54	453.10	1093.64	
New Hopewell.....	R. C. Cook, Globe.....	Shencer Coffey, Gragg.....	1	74	40	55.29	71.76	127.05	
Rock View.....	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	Lonnie Carlton, Triplett.....	0	82	30	42.25	90.00	132.25	
Rock Springs.....	Edmon Hodge, Hendrix.....	J. T. Wood, Darby.....	10	63	43	57.24	67.32	124.56	
Sandy Flat.....	R. H. Shore, B. Rock.....	A. B. Craig, B. Rock.....	0	80	40	131.21	122.96	254.17	
Watauga.....	Frank Knight, Shulls Mills.....	J. C. Mann, Banner Elk.....	5179	201	231.08	116.24	347.32		
Yellow Hill.....	H. H. Smith, Deep Gap.....	Coy N. Church, Summit.....	3169	116	127.09	83.59	210.61		
Laytown.....	Howard Pennel, Lenoir.....	.....	12	46	.....	.....	30.00	30.00	

TABLE TWO — STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	CHURCH TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	City, Town, Country?	When Constituted?	Obs. Lord's Supper	Revervals Last Year	Weekly Prayer Meets.
Bailey Camp.....	Lawrence Harmon, Lenoir, R.8.....	Bob Tolbert, Lenoir.....	Q	1938	2	1	1
Boone's Fork.....	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills.....	J. A. Hollifield, Shulls Mills.....	Q	1891	2	1	1
Doe Ridge.....	Alice Brown, Boone.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	Q	1894	2	1	1
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	Q	1920	2	1	1
Hopkins' Chapel.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffy, Edgemont.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffy, Edgemont.....	Q	1917	1	1	1
Laurel Fork.....	J. G. Storie, Blowing Rock.....	Carnie Storie, Blowing Rock.....	Q	1855	1	1	1
Mt. View.....	Vonnie Green, Stony Fork.....	Fred Payne, Stony Fork.....	Q	1876	2	1	1
Mt. Ephraim.....	V. C. Cox, Triplett.....	C. T. Simmons, Triplett.....	Q	1886	1	1	1
Mt. Paran.....	Russau Watson, Deep Gap.....	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap.....	Q	1866	1	1	1
Mt. Vernon.....	Mrs. Rena Cook, Blowing Rock.....	Winifred Hampton, Blowing Rock.....	Q	1910	2	1	1
New Hopewell.....	Benson Coffy, Gragg.....	Benson Coffy, Gragg.....	Q	1870	1	1	1
Rock View.....	Charley Hodges, Triplett.....	Charley Hodges, Triplett.....	Q	1891	2	1	1
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Wood, Darby.....	J. T. Wood, Darby.....	Q	1823	2	1	1
Sandy Flat.....	S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock.....	Mrs. S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock.....	Q	1828	2	1	1
Watauga.....	Burgin Gragg, Banner Elk.....	Mrs. Burgin Gragg, Banner Elk.....	Q	1844	2	1	1
Yellow Hill.....	A. H. Beshears, Summitt.....	N. C. Mikeal, Summitt.....	Q	1850	1	1	1
Laytown.....	Nora Dillard, Lenoir.....	Nora A. Dillard, Lenoir.....	Q	1939	1	1	1

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BANNER ELK, N. C.

September 12th-13th
1944

Next Session To Be Held With The Laytown Baptist
Church, Tuesday and Wednesday After the Second
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N. L. Harrison, Moderator ----- Blowing Rock
A. ~~F.~~ Knight, Vice Moderator ----- Shulls Mills
W. M. Brown, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Blowing Rock
W. M. Brown, Associational Missionary

Milton Gragg, Chairman ----- Boone
J. Merritt Coffey ----- Shulls Mills
W. M. Brown ----- Blowing Rock

Sunday Schools -----	Troy Townsend
Missions -----	Roosevelt Gragg
Benevolences -----	Stacy Ford
Duties of Pastors and Churches -----	W. J. Cock
Christian Training -----	Kenneth Brown
Woman's Work -----	Miss Minnie Day
Temperance -----	Roscoe Greene
Resolutions -----	Virgil Greer
Digest of Letters -----	Winifred Hampton
Religious Literature -----	Page Ford

Progress of our church to be given by the clerk of each church in the Association as an oral report.

Sunday School Director ----- N. L. Harrison
B. T. U. Director ----- Mrs. J. Merritt Coffey
W. M. U. Director ----- Mrs. Willie Critcher
and Mrs. Stacy Ford
Hospital Director ----- W. J. Cook
Orphanage Director ----- Milton Gragg

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Mt. Vernon—W. J. Cook, W. M. Brown, Will Gilley

Watauga—J. C. Mann

Sandy Flat—B. F. Wilcox

Rock View—Lonnie Carlton

Mt. View—Theo Hendrix, Ben Triplett

Boone's Fork—Frank Knight, Horton Knight, Harley

Coffey

Doe Ridge—A. M. Brown

Yellow Hill—Noah C. Beshears, J. W. Church

Laurel Fork—W. D. Ashley

Mt. Paran—Roscoe Greene

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

BAILEY CAMP—Carroll Harmon, Vernon Bolick, Bob Tolbert,
Ira Ford, Cicero Ford

BOONE'S FORK—Herman Coffey, Sam Day, J. Merritt Coffey

DOE RIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Donald Miller,
W. B. Culler

GRANDMOTHER GAP—Roosevelt Gragg, Isabella Gragg,
Mrs. Mary Gragg, Windon Gragg, Willie Mae Gragg

HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Jodie Coffey, Mrs. Beuna Coffey,
Mrs. Bill Coffey, Lloyd Coffey

LAUREL FORK—F. F. Holder, S. C. Ford, W. G. Coffey

LAYTOWN—J. M. Dillard, C. M. Dillard

MT. EPHRIAM—Virgil Greer, William Miller, V. C. Cox,
Mansfield Miller

MT. PARAN—G. D. Watson, Mrs. Annie Watson, Rausseas
Watson, Helen Watson

MT. VERNON—Russell Bentley, Ben Woods, Milton Gragg

MT. VIEW—Jud Golds, Fred Payne, Frank Woods, Charlie
Smith

NEW HOPEWELL—L. E. Gragg, Spencer Coffey, Argie Gragg

ROCK SPRINGS—J. T. Woods, Mrs. Amelia Dula, Mrs. J. T.
Woods

ROCK VIEW—Ben Watson, Tom Carlton, Charlie Hodge,
Louise Carlton

Lonnie

SANDY FLAT—Irdel Henderson, Lloyd Coffey, S. T. Isenhour
WATAUGA—Clell Aldridge, Otha Andrews, Troy Townsend
YELLOW HILL—Zeb V. Beshears, C. C. Michael, Coy N.
Church

CONSTITUTION, RULES OF DECORUM, AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

To be governed by the Word of God only. Any church wishing to become a member of this body after examination being found orthodox and sound in the faith and orderly may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

1. Always begin and end each Session with prayer.
2. Admit none as messengers but such as come recommended by letter well authenticated from which they came.
3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot.
4. When a church petitions by letter for admission, if approved of the Moderator is to inform the messengers that their request is granted and desire them to take seats.
5. All who have anything to offer are to rise and address the Moderator.
6. While one is speaking the others are to be silent, yet all have a right to speak in turn.
7. No partiality, or, respect of person is to be used, or shown.
8. Every matter should be canvassed with gravity, modesty and a sincere aim after truth.
9. When all are not agreed the matter may be put to a vote and a majority to determine.
10. All queries sent by the churches should be answered if expedient.
11. All matters proposed relative to the general good of the churches should be seriously attended to.
12. The transactions of the Association shall be sent to all the churches in the Confederation with which may be sent a circular letter if thought expedient.
13. Every transaction should be conformable to the revealed will of God.
14. By the Association the churches may have such doubts as arise among themselves cleared which will prevent disputes Acts 15th ch. 28thv.
15. They will be furnished with salutory councils. Prov. 11:14
16. The Churches will be more closely united in proving the cause of Christ.

17. A member who is aggrieved through partiality or any other wrong received by the church may have an opportunity of applying for dissection.

18. A Godly and sound Ministry will be encouraged while a ministry that is unsound and ungodly will be discountenanced.

19. There will be a reciprocal communion of these gifts Phil. 4:15.

20. Ministers may be sent out to preach the Gospel to those that are destitute. Gal. 2:9.

21. A large party may draw off from the church by means of an intruding minister, or, otherwise and the aggrieved may have no way of obtaining redress but from the Association.

22. A church may become heretical with which her Godly members can no longer communicate, yet can not obtain any relief; but by the Association.

23. Contentions may arise between the sister churches which the association is most likely to remove.

24. The churches may have candidates for the ministry properly tried by the association. These and other advantages arising from an association must induce every Godly church to desire union with such a body; but should any stand off; it would argue much self sufficiency and little, or, no desire after the unity of the Spirit as mutual edification.

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Proceedings

The Stony Fork Baptist Association met in the "Eighty-third Annual Session" with Watauga Baptist Church.

1. The Session was opened by singing "Precious Memories," after which Ben Woods gave the devotional, reading from Acts 9:20-29.

2. Held election of officers and elected the following:

N. L. Harrison, Moderator; Frank Knight, Vice Moderator; William Brown, Clerk and Treasurer.

3. Roll call was next in order. Part of the church delegates were present and others came in later until all of the churches were respresented.

4. The Moderator made his address and the congregation sang "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies."

5. The report of the Associational Missionary by W. M. Brown and the report of the B. T. U. Director by Christine Harrison.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed:

Rev. Dan Wheeler from Swanee Association, Florida; Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Grady Hamby, Rev. Howard Shores, Rev. Marshall Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hodges from "Three Forks Association." Mr. Smith Hagaman from "Baptist Hospital," Winston-Salem, N. C.

7. The report on Woman's Work was called for. It was read and discussed by Mrs. Etta Gragg and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly. John 10:10. Jesus exemplified the abundant life. He showed us how to live radiantly and showed us how to live in a world that required strenuous living. We should work at top effi-

ciency in our job for Christ and his kingdom. We should take time to pray and study God's word. Christ prayed and we should follow his example. We should give to Home and Foreign Missions. If Evangelist Christians had given Christ to Japan and other Heathen Nations years ago this great conflict might not have been so soon. In the face of this great need we have a wonderful opportunity to work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Etta Gragg

8. Mr. Smith Hagaman from The Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, gave an inspiring message, after which the congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

9. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Frank Knight on the following text: "Moses said, I will now turn aside." Exodus 3:1-6.

Followed by a song.

10. The following committee was appointed. Time, Place and Preacher, and Digest of Letters.

11. The report on Temperance was called for and read by Kenneth Brown. It was adopted and upon motion the discussion was left open until the afternoon session.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intemperance has wrecked more young men and women than anything in the world.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:7.

If man and woman would purpose in their heart as Daniel did not to defile themselves with wine and liquor it would soon be disbanded from our country. Let us fight against intemperance with all our strength that we may have a clean country to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Brown

12. Song, benediction and adjourned for dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

13. Opening song by congregation "I Am Going That Way," and devotion by B. J. Wilcox from Psalms 19.

14. Report on Time, Place and Preacher

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We the committee on time, place and preacher, recommend that the next session of our Association be held with "Laytown Baptist Church," located in Caldwell County six miles from the Patterson School.

Also we recommend that W. D. Ashley preach the annual sermon. Roscoe Greene alternate.

Committee

J. T. Woods

S. T. Isenhour

Russell Bentley

15. The report on Temperance having been left open for discussion was spoken to by Virgil Greer, Ben Woods, Dan Wheeler, H. B. Knight, Marshall Watson, Grady Hamby, N. L. Harrison and was adopted.

16. The committee for The Dry Forces reported as follows:

We your committee appointed as a committee to temperance, after prayerful consideration do hereby submit the following: 1 Corinthians 10:30. Acts 15:20.

We being members of churches of this Association and having been appointed to serve as a committee on temperance do feel that we are somewhat watchmen. That we may, after having seen the evil of intemperance, warn the people of our churches of same. Ezekiel 33:6.

In view of the liquor, beer and wine situation in our state, of which we feel is detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of our young Association, we do hereby recommend that our Association join hands with "the Allied League" of this state to stamp out the traffic of same as led by Mr. L. A. Martin of Lexington, N. C.

We further recommend that our churches obtain and read our church covenant at least every three months, and that we act according to our covenant in the disciplining of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Woods

J. T. Hendrix

Clyde Bentley

17. At this time Rev. J. C. Canipe brought an inspiring

message on Missions followed by a song by the congregation.

18. Report on duties of Pastors and Churches.

REPORT ON DUTIES OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

1 He should be recognized as a man called of God. And not to expect any more of him as the Pastor than they would have him expect of them as the church.

2. Stand by him prayerfully and spiritually in order to help him grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. Stand by him with their means so as to enable him to meet his obligations that his good might not be spoken evil of.

Committee,

Frank Knight

Spoken to by Dan Wheeler and adopted.

19. After the closing song "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and benediction by Frank Knight the Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

20. After song by congregation, devotion by Theo Hendrix and prayer by Russell Bentley, John A. McMillan from Thomasville, N. C. gave an inspiring message.

21. Report on Benevolences was read and adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Under the heading of benevolences we have work of the Orphanage, the Hospital and Old Ministers' Relief. Both our orphanage homes at Thomasville and Kinston have not only been our care but also our blessing. May we continue in our several churches until we are sending a once a month offering and a worthy Thanksgiving offering.

We also recommend that our churches take a club of "Charity and Children" so we may keep informed about our work there.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Gragg

Recognition of visitors: John A. McMillan, Thomasville.

23. Voted to let clerk suggest the goal for missions next year.

24. The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23. We are here on probation for a short period of time. Our soul will fly away out into the annals of never ending eternity. Our mission is a great trust assigned to us by our divine Lord, to be active up and doing. God will reward every sincere effort that is set forth. Jesus Christ after his ignominious death on the cross gave us this broad commission "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, but ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. Are we as professed Christians complying with this divine injunction? If we want to drink from the well Springs of Salvation and have a fair taste of Heaven, this is our God given opportunity. Every soul is precious in the sight of God. He willeth the death of none. Can we tell the world of Jesus and His love to save their precious souls?

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Wilcox

25. Report on Religious Literature by R. L. Barnes spoken to by R. L. Barnes, Frank Knight, and Miss Winifred Hampton and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

It's very essential to read and put good literature in our homes for our children to read. Reading has quite a lot to do with making the lives of children for the future.

I recommend "The Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children." The Bible is the best of all.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Barnes

26. Song by choir.

27. Progress on your church

(1) Boone's Fork—Oral report by Frank Knight followed by silent prayer in honor of the dead.

(2) Mt. Vernon—Written report by Mrs. Rena Cook which was read by Miss Winifred Hampton and adopted.

PROGRESS OF MT. VERNON CHURCH

There are certain facts and figures that can be given as an indication of progress in any church, and yet the true measure of progress, or the lack of it, might be entirely overlooked. Mt. Vernon has had good attendance at preaching service and Sunday School as well, considering the epidemic. Financially we have given \$2331.19 for all local work, benevolences, and missions, as compared with \$1093.64 last year. Yet our church membership has increased only 5. Weekly prayer meetings are being held and special prayer bands in some of the classes. There has been more than usual given for local need.

There is however, to my regret, a spirit of unrest and a tendency to be "blown about by every wind of doctrine," that we have never felt so keenly before. Men have died, and been imprisoned and borne hardships that our Baptist faith might not be shaken. Christ himself died to give us the sure foundation for that faith. If we therefore depart from the rules of the Baptist faith, which have come to us through the study and labors of our greatest Christians through the ages, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we are departing from Christ himself.

Therefore, I believe any pastor or layman of a Baptist Church who would ignore the rules of the Baptist faith and cause the church to depart therefrom, has not the good of the church as a soul-winning power at heart, but is the author of confusion. It causes our churches to err from the faith, should be speedily removed from among our Baptist people; that we may go forward together winning the lost and holding up Christ. He who is the author of confusion is not for Christ, for He has said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." John 14:27." Let us therefore follow after things which made for peace, and things wherewith one may edify one another." Romans 14:19 "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Romans 14:22.

Let each church in this association be more alert during next year that, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rena Cook

(3) Sandy Flat—I. H. Henderson—Oral.

(4) Watauga—Troy Townsend—Oral.

28. Approved the above reports and recommended that each church report again next year.

29. After a song and benediction the Association adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

30. Devotional was conducted by John A. McMillan followed by a song by choir.

31. Sunday School report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School should try to get the students to read the Bible and study their Sunday School lessons and be sure to let them know we love them and be sure to have a well prepared lesson as teachers before them. And as we come in contact with them in our everyday life and don't send our children to Sunday School but take them to Sunday School and teach them the Bible in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Townsend

Report spoken to by Troy Townsend, Dan Wheeler, Clyde Bentley and adopted.

32. Digest of Letters explained by Miss Winifred Hampton and adopted by Association.

Winifred Hampton
Ben Woods
Milton Gragg

Committee

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

To be efficient, faithful workers in the kingdom work, we certainly must be trained. As Solomon said "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

When Jesus was here on earth He trained and instructed the disciples, that they might know how to carry on the Lord's work in a glorious way.

Surely we must study the Bible, and train our church mem-

bers, in order that we might be a blessing to suffering humanity and a glory to God.

If our 17 churches in Stony Fork Association could train their members in Baptist doctrines, in Bible knowledge, that we might be better soul winners, surely our training would not be in vain, then we could accomplish much for our Master.

Let us work and pray that we will do more Christian training and study this coming year.

Endeavoring as God's children to let our light so shine before a lost world, that they will see our love for them and be compelled to be saved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Harrison

34. The report on obituaries was given by H. B. Knight and adopted.

35. Report on Finances read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCES

We the Committee on Finances find that the total amount sent in for minutes by the churches of our Association is \$49.80. We feel that this amount is far short of the need for this work. We therefore recommend that the Association authorize the clerk of the Association to notify the Union churches of this shortage, asking each to send an additional amount.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Knight
J. T. Hendrix
I. H. Henderson

36. Treasurer's report for 1943.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1943

Received	\$52.34
Paid Clerk	15.00
Due Clerk for Previous Year	8.92
Paid for Mailing Minutes and Reports	1.40
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Total	\$25.32
Paid for Printing Minutes	35.00
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Balance in Treasury \$2.02

Respectfully submitted,
N. L. Harrison, Clerk and Treasurer

37. Resolutions

We the Stony Fork Association wish:

1. To extend our thanks and appreciation to the Watauga Church and community for their generous hospitality and kindness to the Association in its 83rd Session.

2. We resolve that since the whole world is involved in general activities we must unite our efforts to direct the activities to bring the world to peace and unity.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Knight
Russell Bentley
H. B. Knight

38. After closing song by congregation and benediction by H. E. Nash the Stony Fork Association adjourned.

IN HONOR OF OUR DEAD

BOONE'S FORK—

Mr. J. A. Hollifield

DOE RIDGE—

Miss Alice Brown

LAUREL FORK—

Mr. Horace Greene

MT. EPHRIAM—

Mrs. Matty Triplett

MT. VERNON—

Mr. Joseph Cook

ROCK SPRINGS—

Mr. Emmet Keys

Total—15

WATAUGA—

Mr. Manley Barlow

YELLOW HILL—

Rev. Lee J. Church

Mr. Steven Church

Mrs. Fanny Hamby

Mrs. Mary Phillips

Mrs. Catherine Beshears Church

Mrs. Belva Cardwell

Mr. D. E. Baker

LAYTOWN—

Mrs. Lucinda Dillard

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Knight, Com.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1945 SESSION

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:30-10:00—Devotional—W. B. Bryant
- 10:00-10:30—Organization and election of officers
- 10:30-11:00—Address of Moderator
- 11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon—W. D. Ashley

NOON RECESS

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
- 1:15- 2:15—Missions
- 2:15- 3:15—Benevolences
- 3:15- 4:00—Closing Worship

WEDNESDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:30- 9:45—Devotional
- 9:45-10:00—Digest of Letters
- 10:00-10:30—Temperance
- 10:30-11:00—Duties of Pastors and Churches
- 11:00-11:30—Christian Training
- 11:30-11:45—Religious Literature
- 11:45-12:00—B. T. U.

NOON RECESS

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
- 1:15- 1:30—W. M. U.
- 1:30- 2:00—Sunday Schools
- 2:00- 2:30—Report of Associational Missionary and Officers
- 2:30- 2:45—Resolutions
- 2:45- 3:00—Miscellaneous

CHURCHES	Town, Vill., Coun	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meetings	Mem. Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Tot. Pres. Memb.	Weekly Prayer Mee	Revivals Held	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. Baptist Paper
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Bailey Camp.....	1938		O. C. Dellinger, Lenoir.....	2	45	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1
Boone's Fork.....	1871		Frank Knight, Shulls Mills.....	4	101	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1109	1	1	1	1
Doe Ridge.....	1894		Ronda Earp, Vilas.....	4	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1
Grandmother Gap.....	1932		W. H. Byerly, Lenoir.....	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	1	1	1
Hopkins Chapel.....	1917		W. H. Byerly, Lenoir.....	1	3	40	3	2	1	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1
Laurel Fork.....	1855		Howard Shore, Boone.....	1	13	127	4	1	1	1	1	1	128	1	1	1	1
Laytown.....	1939		J. T. Hendrix, Long Shoals.....	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Ephriam.....	1876		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	1	215	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Paran.....	1886		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	1	42	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Vernon.....	1866		Itatus Mitchell, Andover C.....	1	42	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hope-well.....	1910		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	1	259	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rock Springs.....	1891		W. B. Bryant, Lenoir.....	1	33	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rock View.....	1923		Edi Hodges, Hendrix.....	1	4	74	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sandy Flat.....	1928		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	1	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Watauga.....	1844		R. C. Cook, Globe.....	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yellow Hill.....	1853		Frank Knight Shulls Mills.....	1	179	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			H. H. Smith, Deep Gap.....	1	169	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

TABLE TWO — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, Under 3	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 and Up	Departmental Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded
Bailey Camp.....	Lank Tolbert, Blowing Rock.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Boone's Fork.....	Herman Coffey, Shulls Mills.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Doe Ridge.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Grandmother Gap.....	Mrs. Sella J. Ward, Edgemont.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Hopkins Chapel.....	S. C. Ford, Blowing Rock.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Laurel Fork.....	E. C. Bryant, Ferguson.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Laytown.....	C. C. Triplett, Boone.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Mt. Ephriam.....	Jasper Greene, Deep Gap.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Mt. Paran.....	Clyde Bentley, Blowing Rock.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Mt. Vernon.....	Charlie Smith, Stony Fork.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
New Hope-well.....	Benson Coffey, Gragg.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Rock View.....	Louie Carlton, Triplett.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Sandy Flat.....	Clide Downs, Blowing Rock.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Watauga.....	Steward Berry, Banner Elk.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66
Yellow Hill.....	Coy N. Church, Summit.....	10	12	15	30	66	30	66	30	66	30	66

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Directory

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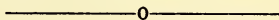
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William M. Brown, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Blowing Rock
William M. Brown, Asso Missionary ----- Blowing Rock

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Milton Gragg, Chairman ----- Boone
J. Merritt Coffey ----- Blowing Rock
N. L. Harrison
W. M. Brown

STANDING COMMITTEE

Sunday Schools ----- Herman Coffey, S. T. Isenhour
Missions ----- W. D. Ashley, W. J. Cook
Temperance ----- Vernon Bolick, James Dillard
Benevolences ----- General Watson, Jud Golds
Duties of Pastors and Churches ----- Roy Ray, T. R. Shew
Christian Training ----- Kenneth Brown, Troy Townsend
Woman's Work ----- Miss Minnie Day, Mrs. G. W. Gragg
Resolutions ----- J. T. Woods, Virgil Greer
Digest of Letters ----- Miss Winifred Hampton, Coy N. Church
Religious Literature ----- Benson Coffey, Roosevelt Gragg



We are expecting these Reports to be brought or sent in order that we may carry on the Proceedings according to the Suggested Order of Business.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Sunday School Director ----- N. L. Harrison
B. T. U. Director ----- Mrs. Willie Critcher, Mrs. H. B. Coffey
W. M. U. Director ----- Miss Minnie Day, Mrs. Stacy Ford
Orphanage Director ----- Milton Gragg
Hospital Director ----- W. J. Cook

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday Morning

Devotional	9:30 to 9:45
Organization and Election of Officers	9:45 to 10:15
Address of Moderator	10:15 to 10:30
Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors	10:30 to 10:45
Report on Sunday Schools	10:45 to 11:15
Annual Sermon	11:15 to 12:00
Noon Recess	

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotional	1:00 to 1:15
Missions	1:15 to 2:00
Temperance	2:00 to 3:00
Benevolences	3:00 to 4:00

Wednesday Morning

Devotional	9:30 to 9:45
Recognition of Visitors	9:45 to 10:00
Duties of Pastors and Churches	10:00 to 10:30
Christian Training	10:30 to 11:15
Woman's Work	11:15 to 12:00
Noon Recess	

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotional	1:00 to 1:15
Resolutions	1:15 to 1:45
Digest of Letters	1:45 to 2:15
Religious Literature	2:15 to 3:00
Miscellaneous	

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Boones Fork	A. F. Knight, Harley Coffey
Doe Ridge	A. M. Brown
Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley
Laytown	Charlie Bentley
Mt. Paran	Roscoe Greene

Mt. Vernon ----- W. J. Cook, William Brown, Will Gilley
Rock Springs ----- Theo Hendrix, Ben Triplett
Sandy Flat ----- B. F. Wilcox
Watauga ----- J. C. Mann
Yellow Hill ----- J. W. Church, N. C. Beshears

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

BAILEY CAMP—Lank Tolbert, Carroll Harmon, Vernon Bolick
BOONE'S FORK—Saw Day, Thurman Gragg, J. Merritt Coffey
DOE RIDGE—Lloyd Culler, Kenneth Brown, Boyd Greene
GRANDMOTHER GAP—Roosevelt Gragg, Mrs. Roosevelt
Gragg, Ashley Gragg
HOPKINS CHAPEL—Lloyd Coffey, Herman Coffey, Mrs. Jodie
Coffey
LAUREL FORK—H. M. Storie, Carl Storie, Roy Holder
LAYTOWN—Vergil Gragg, J. M. Dillard, Mrs. Betty Triplett
MT. EPHRIAM—Virgil Greer, Olen Miller, Mansfield Miller
MT. PARAN—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Watson, Rausseas Watson
MT. VERNON—F. L. Hampton, Milton Gragg, Winifred
Hampton
MT. VIEW—Jud Golds, Charlie Smith, Osco Golds
NEW HOPEWELL—L. E. Gragg, Benson Coffey
ROCK SPRINGS—J. T. Woods, R. C. Woods, Hamp Triplett
ROCK VIEW—
SANDY FLAT—Lloyd Coffey, Irdel Henderson, Butler Craig
WATAUGA—Otha Andrews, V. B. Porch, Joe Fox
YELLOW HILL—N. C. Mikeal, Coy N. Church, T. F. Church

CONSTITUTION, RULES OF DECORUM, AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

To be governed by the Word of God only. Any church wishing to become a member of this body after examination being found orthodox and sound in the faith and orderly may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

1. Always begin and end each Session with prayer.
2. Admit none as messengers but such as come recommended by letter well authenticated from which they came.
3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot.
4. When a church petitions by letter for admission, if approv-

ed of the Moderator is to inform the messengers that their request is granted and desire them to take seats.

5. All who have anything to offer are to rise and address the Moderator.

6. While one is speaking the others are to be silent, yet all have a right to speak in turn.

7. No partiality, or, respect of person is to be used, or shown.

8. Every matter should be canvassed with gravity, modesty and a sincere aim after truth.

9. When all are not agreed the matter may be put to a vote and a majority to determine.

10. All queries sent by the churches should be answered if expedient.

11. All matters proposed relative to the general good of the churches should be seriously attended to.

12. The transactions of the Association shall be sent to all the churches in the Confederation with which may be sent a circular letter if thought expedient.

13. Every transaction should be conformable to the revealed will of God.

14. By the Association the churches may have such doubts as arise among themselves cleared which will prevent disputes Acts 15th ch. 28thv.

15. They will be furnished with salutary councils. Prov. 11:14.

16. The Churches will be more closely united in proving the cause of Christ.

17. A member who is aggrieved through partiality or any other wrong received by the church may have an opportunity of applying for dissection.

18. A Godly and sound Ministry will be encouraged while a ministry that is unsound and ungodly will be discountenanced.

19. There will be a reciprocal communion of these gifts Phil. 4:15.

20. Ministers may be sent out to preach the Gospel to those that are destitute. Gal. 2:9.

21. A large party may draw off from the church by means of an intruding minister, or, otherwise and the aggrieved may have no way of obtaining redress but from the Association.

22. A church may become heretical with which her Godly members can no longer communicate, yet can not obtain any relief; but by the Association.

23. Contentions may arise between the sister churches which the Association is most likely to remove.

24. The churches may have candidates for the ministry prop-

erly tried by the association. These and other advantages arising from an association must induce every Godly church to desire union with such a body; but should any stand off; it would argue much self sufficiency and little, or, no desire after the unity of the Spirit as mutual edification.

1. We believe in one only true living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by his own ability.

4. We believe that Salvation is only by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are Ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ and should be practiced by all true believers.

6. We believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion and that true believers are the only subjects.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

9. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the unrighteous will both be eternal.

Proceedings

The Stony Fork Baptist Association met in the "Eighty-fourth Annual Session" with Laytown Baptist Church.

Tuesday Morning

1. The Session was opened by singing "Precious Memories," after which the devotional was conducted by Rev. R. E. Greer.

2. The election of moderator and clerk was then held. N. L. Harrison was elected moderator and William Brown clerk.

3. Song: "How Firm a Foundation" by congregation.

4. Address of Moderator.

5. Roll call was next and most of the churches were represented.

6. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Rev. R. M. Hauss, representing "The Allied Church League;" Rev. Horton Knight, Rev. T. R. Shew and Rev. Roy Ray from Caldwell Association; Rev. Carl Triplett, Kentucky; Rev. Marshall Watson, Three Forks Association; and Rev. Charlie Parker from Winston-Salem.

7. After a song by the congregation, Rev. R. M. Hauss gave a talk on Prohibition.

8. The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. D. Ashley. Text: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: Rev. 2:7.

9. After a song by the congregation and benediction by Rev. Theo Hendrix, the Association adjourned for one hour.

Tuesday Afternoon

10. Song by congregation and prayer by Rev. Horton Knight.

11. The Report on Benevolences was read by Clerk and adopted. Spoken to by Rev. Charlie Parker and J. A. McMillan.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Under the heading of Benevolences we have work of the Orphanage, the Hospital and old Ministers' Relief. Both our Orphanage homes at Thomasville and Kinston have not only been our care but also our blessing. May we continue in our several churches until we are sending a once a month offering and a worthy Thanksgiving offering.

We also recommend that our churches take a club of "Charity and Children" so we may keep informed about our work there.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Gragg

12. The report on "Christian Training" was read by Kenneth Brown and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

When we think of Christian Training our minds go back to Paul when he said "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" 2nd Timothy 2:15.

First we have to start Christian Training at home, to train our children about God, and how to be saved. And we have our Sunday Schools where we can study God's word. Let us press forward in this great work. Christian Training is the greatest work in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Brown

13. The Report on Missions was read by Roosevelt* Gragg and adopted. It was discussed by M. A. Huggins.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Jesus came into the world to preach, to teach and to heal. He said unto his disciples "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 18-20 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. When the parents brought in the Child Jesus, then took

he Him up in his arms and blessed God, and said, Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. In Philippians 1:23 Paul said "For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine whereunto thou hast attained. These things I write unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly.

Respectfully submitted,
Roosevelt Gragg

14. The following committees were appointed:

Obituaries: General Watson, I. H. Henderson.

Finance: Miss Winifred Hampton, Milton Gragg, F. L. Hampton

Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. Raymond Greer, James Dillard.

15. After singing a song the Association adjourned to meet the following day.

Wednesday Morning

16. The session was opened by songs and devotional.

17. Welcome to Laytown by Rev. Raymond Greer and Vergil Gragg.

18. An inspiring talk on "The Progress of our Association" was given by N. L. Harrison. Also discussed by I. H. Henderson, Rev. Shew and Rev. Horton Knight. The old land mark was suggested as foundation for progress.

19. Rev. R. H. Satterfield from Meredith College and L. L. Carpenter, representing the Biblical Recorder made interesting talks on "Christian Education" and Christian Literature.

20. The Report on Digest of Letters was read and spoken to by Miss Winifred Hampton and adopted.

21. Report on Sunday Schools by N. L. Harrison was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Prov. 4:7, Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get wisdom and understanding.

God's word to Moses says, teach it to your children. God's word through Jesus Christ says teach it.

In the home and in the Sunday School is the best place we have to teach God's word and let's do this. Will you? From now on I will, if you will. Can we and will we make as great an effort to teach the Word as we do to grow our crops or do any other work we have to make money? Did you know that to teach your children "The Word" makes the beauty of character that your child may wear?

Righteousness in the home and the Sunday School, with the right kind of teaching, builds beauty of character for tomorrow and for eternity. Say let's work at it.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. Harrison

Spoken to by Rev. Richard Storie and Rev. Horton Knight.

22. Duties of Pastors and Churches were read and spoken to by Rev. W. D. Ashley and adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

First, Churches should pray the Lord of the Harvest to lead then by the Spirit in the call of their pastors. Paul said to the Elders (concerning the churches) of which the Holy Spirit hath made three overseers.

Second, they should support them with their prayers, encouragement, and financial support, that he may be able to go without financial embarrassment.

Pastors should study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. They should serve the Lord by serving the people within the bounds of their churches, with all long-suffering, with patience and love, for both saved and unsaved, that the churches may be edified and built up in fellowship, in doctrine and a world wide vision of our duty.

W. D. Ashley, Comm.

J. T. Hendrix

23. Resolutions, read by R. T. Barnes and adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Stony Fork Baptist Association wish to extend our

thanks to the Laytown Church and community for their generous hospitality and kindness to the Association in their 84th Session.

I. H. Henderson, Comm.

R. L. Barnes

24. The Report on Time, Place and Preacher was read and spoken to by Rev. Raymond Greer and adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We the committee on Time, Place and Preacher, recommend that the next Session of Stony Fork Baptist Association will be Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in September. To be held with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

We also recommend that Rev. Roscoe Greene preach the annual sermon, Rev. W. D. Ashley, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Raymond Greer

James Dillard, Com.

25. Treasurer's Report.

Amount in Treasury from 1943	\$ 2.02
Total Amount paid in by Churches 1944	49.86
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Grand Total	\$51.88
Printing of Minutes 1944	38.00
Postage	2.00
Clerk Hire	15.00
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	\$55.00
	51.88
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Due Clerk	\$3.12

Respectfully submitted,

William Brown

26. The Report on Finance was read and spoken to by Milton Gragg and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We the Committee on Finance find that the total amount sent in for minute fund this year from the churches of our Association

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is	\$50.53
Public col.	7.35

Grand Total \$57.88

We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services .

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Gragg

F. L. Hampton

Winifred Hampton, Com.

27. The Report on Obituaries was read by R. L. Barnes and silent prayer was offered in memory of the dead. It was adopted.

28. The Report on Woman's Work was read and discussed by Miss Minnie Day and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

While Christ fulfilled his mission here on earth the women played a leading role in contributing to his personal needs. It was the women who opened the way for Paul's preaching in Macedonia. Today the Women Missionary Union in some sections is considered the churches greatest asset in being informed and contributing to present missions, as well as training and preparing the future generations for continuing the work.

Why not the churches of this Association contribute their might to this phase of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Minnie Day Com.

This report was also discussed by Theo Hendrix and Charlie Bentley.

29. Report of Executive Committee by Milton Gragg and Rev. Theo Hendrix.

30. The Association voted that the Standing Committee come with their reports written out so they will be ready any time they are called for when we hold our next Session.

31. After closing song by congregation and benediction by William Brown the Stony Fork Association adjourned.

TABLE ONE — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	City, Town, Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												Weekly Prayer Meet'gs	Rev. Meet'gs Held, Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper, Yr	Fam. Rec. Bapt. Paper	Ch. Have Mus Dir.?	Does Ch. Have Lib'y?
					GAINS						LOSSES											
					Membr. Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Tot. Pres. Mem.	Non-Res. Mem.							
Bailey Camp.....	1938		O. C. Dellinger, Lenoir.....	2 4	46	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Boone's Fork.....	1871		Roy Ray, Lenoir, R.9.....	2	109	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	104	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	*
Doe Ridge.....	1894		Ronda Earp, Vilas.....	4	132	12	...	1	1	...	...	...	43	11	...	...	1	1	2	...	...
Grandmother Gap..	1932		.....	2 4	24	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Hopkins Chapel.....	1917		T. R. Shew, Lenoir, R.9.....	1 3	45	10	1	3	...	...	...	1	58	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Laurel Fork.....	1855		W. J. Cook, Boone, R.1.....	3	127	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	129	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Laytown.....	1939		Raymond Greer, Lenoir.....	1 3	46	3	2	...	9	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Mt. Ephriam.....	1876		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	2 3	224	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	221	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Mt. Paran.....	1886		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	1	42	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Mt. Vernon.....	1866		Willie J. Cook, Boone, R.1.....	4	311	2	1	4	...	4	1	4	303	9	...	...	...	1	1	1	*
Mt. View.....	1910		Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.....	4	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
New Hopewell.....	1870		T. R. Shew, Lenoir.....	2 4	74	12	...	4	2	...	...	2	86	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...
Rock Springs.....	1891		Ed Hodge, Hendrix.....	twice	64	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rock View.....	1923		No Report.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandy Flat.....	1928		Horace Harris, Lenoir.....	1 3	79	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	87	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	*
Watauga.....	1844		W. J. Cook, Boone, R.1.....	3	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	197	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Yellow Hill.....	1853		J. T. Hendrix, Hays.....	3	163	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	316	98	...	...	...	1	1	...	...

TABLE TWO — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, Under 3										Gen. Dept. Officers	Tot. Enrollment, In- cluding Ofrs. Teachers.	What is Av. Attend?	Baptisms from SS	Is the School Graded?	Teachers Holding Dip.
		Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Department									
Bailey Camp.	Vernon Bolick, Lenoir.	5	18	16	13	20	16	4	1	103	61	61	..	..	..	..
Boone's Fork.	Herman Coffey, Shulls Mills.	5	10	11	15	20	20	..	..	61	35	..	..	..	..	..
Doe Ridge.	W. B. Culler, Boone, R.2.	..	15	10	..	17	10	..	..	52	33	7	..	..	..	..
Grandmother Gap.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopkins Chapel.	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont.	..	8	7	7	6	12	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..
Laurel Fork.	S. C. Ford, Blowing Rock.	..	6	6	6	10	10	..	..	43	35	3	..	..	..	..
Laytown.	Virgil Gragg, Lenoir, R.5.	5	10	15	8	6	10	18	..	72	65	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Ephraim.	Olen Miller, Triplett.	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	2	..	..	..	..
Mt. Paran.	Jasper Greene, Deep Gap.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Vernon.	N. L. Harrison, Blowing Rock, R.1.	..	25	35	30	16	32	..	..	173	117	1	..	..	..	6
Mt. View.	Charlie Smith, Stony Fork.	..	..	16	12	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Hopewell.	Benson Coffey, Gragg.	8	10	6	7	3	15	..	..	57	52	..	..	..	..	..
Rock Springs.	Hamp Triplett, Darby.	..	12	8	8	..	10	3	3	33	30	..	..	..	..	..
Rock View.	No Report	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandy Flat.	A. B. Craig, Blowing Rock.	..	9	6	10	11	9	29	..	74	40	9	..	..	..	..
Watauga.	Steward Boocy, Banner Elk.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	..	..	..	..
Yellow Hill.	Coy N. Church, Summit.	6	22	12	25	16	13	34	..	128	60	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE SIX — CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	What Materials Were Used?	No. Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Sep. Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Bailey Camp.....	Lank Tolbert, Blowing Rock.....	Yes	1938	Wood	175	1	1	..	800	..	800	..	..
Boone's Fork.....	J. Merritt Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	Yes	1942	Wood	200	1	..	..	1500	..	1500	..	..
Doe Ridge.....	W. B. Culler, Boone, Rt. 2.....	Yes	1896	Wood	300	1	..	..	600	..	600	..	..
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	Yes	1920	Wood	100	1	..	..	500	..	500	..	..
Hopkins Chapel.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont.....	Yes	1941	Wood	100	1	..	..	600	..	600	..	..
Laurel Fork.....	J. G. Storie, Blowing Rock.....	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	7	..	1500	..	1500	..	..
Laytown.....	Mrs. Nora Dillard, Ferguson.....	Yes	1942	Wood	200	1	..	..	2000	..	2000	..	..
Mt. Ephraim.....	W. E. Miller, Triplett.....	Yes	1936	Wood	300	1	..	..	1500	..	1500	..	..
Mt. Paran.....	Rousseau Watson, Deep Gap.....	Yes	1930	Wood	300	1	..	..	1200	..	1200	..	..
Mt. Vernon.....	Minnie Day, Blowing Rock, R.1.....	Yes	1938	Stone	12	2	10	..	20000	..	20000	..	..
Mt. View.....	Osco Golds, Stony Fork.....	Yes	1910	Wood	300	1	..	..	1000	..	1000	..	..
New Hopewell.....	Benson Coffey, Gragg.....	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	..	..	500	800	1300	..	..
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	Yes	1920	Wood	100	1	..	..	200	..	200	..	..
Rock View.....	No Report.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandy Flat.....	S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock.....	No	1906	Wood	200	3	..	..	3000	..	3000	..	..
Watauga.....	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk.....	Yes	1921	Wood	400	1	5	..	1000	..	1000	..	..
Yellow Hill.....	A. H. Beshears, Summit.....	Yes	1940	Wood	400	3	..	..	3000	..	3000	..	..

TABLE SEVEN — GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., Etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Assn.	Building Reserve Fund	Other Objects
Bailey Camp.....	Ransom Harmon, Lenoir.....	178.69	.....	24.00	1.70	.....	9.44	24.42	45.00	3.00	.....	10.11
Boone's Fork.....	J. Merritt Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	211.97	.....	29.35	.....	.....	18.00	20.25	.....	5.00	.....	.....
Doe Ridge.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	33.07	.....	35.41	12.94	.....	.....	14.41	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	42.25	.....	9.75	84.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.02	.....	.85
Hopkins Chapel.....	Buena Coffey, Edgemont.....	84.82	.....	80.59	.....	.....	.....	3.00	24.00	1.54	.....	.....
Laurel Fork.....	Carnie Storey, Blowing Rock.....	118.30	.....	29.85	.....	.....	16.00	30.00	10.12	3.00	.....	.....
Laytown.....	Mrs. Nora Dillard, Ferguson.....	75.00	.....	32.00	75.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	1.00	50.00	.....
Mt. Ephriam.....	C. T. Simmons, Triplet.....	275.00	.....	75.00	.....	1.00	10.00	18.00	250.00	4.00	.....	.....
Mt. Paran.....	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap.....	225.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	50.75	3.00	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	Winifred Hampton, Blowing Rock, R. 1.....	886.40	.....	148.95	523.52	.....	122.41	134.65	100.83	13.12	.....	192.79
Mt. View.....	Mrs. Jud Golds, Deep Gap, R. 1.....	15.73	75.00	2.45	135.00	.....	.....	4.72	65.00	3.00	.....	.....
New Hopewell.....	Benson Coffey, Gragg.....	103.14	.....	100.80	600.00	.....	5.00	15.00	5.58	2.00	.....	.....
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	154.63	.....	16.40	25.00	.....	.....	6.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....
Rock View.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Flat.....	Mrs. S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock.....	167.38	.....	73.80	.....	.....	49.76	26.00	10.00	2.85	.....	.....
Watauga.....	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk.....	151.00	.....	93.57	6.75	.....	34.96	28.24	474.95	3.00	21.04	1.32
Yellow Hill.....	N. C. Mikeal, Summit.....	73.35	.....	30.91	.....	.....	37.39	23.86	.....	1.00	.....	123.79

TABLE EIGHT — MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Missions to State	Missions to Home	Missions to Foreign	Produce to Orphanage	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Given for Mis- sions, Benevolences, by Church and All Departments
Balley Camp.....	Ransom Harmon, Lenoir.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	15.00	.....	35.00
Boone's Fork.....	J. Merritt Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Doe Ridge.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.10	1.15	12.10	24.35
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopkins Chapel.....	Buena Coffey, Edgemont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel Fork.....	Carnie Storie, Blowing Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	40.00	105.47	11.25	.....	11.25
Laytown.....	Mrs. Nora Dillard, Ferguson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.61	.....	156.08
Mt. Ephriam.....	C. T. Simmons, Triplett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.00	.....	.....	13.00
Mt. Paran.....	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	9.40	12.00	.....	30.40
Mt. Vernon.....	Miss Winifred Hampton, Blowing Rock.....	24.28	.....	.....	444.40	62.40	25.50	57.12	646.35
Mt. View.....	Mrs. Jud Golds, Deep Gap, R.5.....	.....	.....	36.65	11.75	15.00	7.10	.....	33.85
New Hopewell.....	Benson Coffey, Gragg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.35	.....	26.35
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock View.....	No Report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Flat.....	Mrs. S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00	10.00	.....	35.00
Watauga.....	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk.....	7.77	3.17	.....	.....	41.86	5.35	.....	58.15
Yellow Hill.....	N. C Mikeal, Summit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....	5.50

In Honor of Our Dead

BOONE'S FORK—

Mrs. Ruby Richards Davis

HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—

Mr. Sherman Coffey

LAUREL FORK—

Mrs. Ethel Storie

MT. EPHRIAM—

Mr. Thomas Wheeler

Mr. Thomas Cox

NEW HOPEWELL—

Elder Adore Coffey

Elder George Gragg

ROCK SPRINGS—

Miss Vera Woods

YELLOW HILL—

Deacon Henry Beshears

Deacon William Beshears

Mr. Lass Bengé, killed in action
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Respectfully submitted,

General Watson

I. H. Henderson



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Associational Directory

Officers of the Association

Marshall Watson, Moderator ----- Boone, N. C.
William Brown, Clerk and Treasurer ----- Blowing Rock

Executive Committee

Sam Day, Chairman -----
Linney Barnes ----- Boone
General Watson ----- Deep Gap
Theo Hendrix ----- Hayes

Standing Committee

Sunday Schools ----- Herman Coffey, S. T. Isenhour
Missions ----- Rev. W. D. Ashley, W. J. Cook
Temperance ----- Vernon Bolick, James Dillard
Benevolences ----- General Watson, Jud Golds
Duties of Pastors and Churches ----- Roy Ray, T. R. Shoe
Christian Training ----- Kenneth Brown, Troy Townsend
Woman's Work ----- Miss Minnie Day, Mrs. G. W. Gragg
Resolutions ----- J. T. Woods, Virgil Greer
Digest of Letters ----- Miss Winifred Hampton, Coy N. Church
Religious Literature ----- Benson Coffey, Roosevelt Gragg

We are expecting these Reports to be brought or sent in order that we may carry on the Proceedings according to the Suggested Order of Business.

List of Nominations

Sunday School Director ----- N. L. Harrison
B. T. U. Director ----- William Brown
Orphanage Director ----- Milton Gragg
Hospital Director ----- Mrs. J. Merritt Coffey
To State Baptist Convention ----- N. L. Harrison
To the Three Forks Association ----- William Brown
To the Avery County Association ----- H. S. Henderson
To the Caldwell Association ----- Raymond Greer
To the Ashe County Assoliation ----- N. C. Beshears

Submitted by Committee—

G. W. Gragg,
I. H. Henderson,
G. D. Watson.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS**Tuesday Morning**

Devotional	9:30 to 9:45
Organization and Election of Officers	9:45 to 10:15
Address of Moderator	10:15 to 10:30
Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors	10:30 to 10:45
Report on Sunday Schools	10:45 to 11:15
Annual Sermon	11:15 to 12:00
Noon Recess	

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotional	1:00 to 1:15
Missions	1:15 to 2:00
Temperance	2:00 to 3:00
Benevolences	3:00 to 4:00

Wednesday Morning

Devotional	9:30 to 9:45
Recognition of Visitors	9:45 to 10:00
Duties of Pastors and Churches	10:00 to 10:30
Christian Training	10:30 to 11:15
Woman's Work	11:15 to 12:00
Noon Recess	

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotional	1:00 to 1:15
Resolutions	1:15 to 1:45
Digest of Letters	1:45 to 2:15
Religious Literature	2:15 to 3:00
Miscellaneous	

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Boone's Fork	Harley Coffey
Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley
Laytown	Charlie Bentley
Mt. Paran	G. M. Watson, Roscoe Greene
Mt. Vernon	W. J. Cook, William Brown, Will Gilley
Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix, Ben Triplett
Sandy Flat	R. L. Barnes
Watauga	J. C. Mann
Yellow Hill	J. W. Church, N. C. Beshears

List of Messengers

BAILEY CAMP—Ramson Harmon, Dewey Green, Claude Harmon

BOONE'S FORK—J. Meritt Coffey, Sam Day, Charlie E. Coffey

DOE RIDGE—Kenneth Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Stacy Tester

GRANDMOTHER GAP—Willie May Gragg, Isabelle Gragg, Roosevelt Gragg

HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Horace Coffey, Lloyd Coffey, Bertha Hollander

LAUREL FORK—Faye Ford, Elmer Miller, Marion Coffey

LAYTOWN—James M. Dillard, W. I. Dillard, Ronda Dillard

MT. EPHRIAM—Virgil Greer, Bob Hodge, V. C. Cox

MT. PARAN—G. D. Watson, Mrs. Annie Watson, Jasper Green

MT. VERNON—Linley Hampton, Charlie Vannoy, Mrs. William Brown

MT. VIEW—Jud Golds, Charlie Smith, Vonnie Green

NEW HOPEWELL—

ROCK SPRINGS—R. T. Woods, Hank Triplett, R. C. Woods

ROCK VIEW—

SANDY FLAT—I. B. Henderson, Mrs. Eveline Henderson, S. T. Isenhour

WATAUGA—V. B. Porch, Otha Andrews, Howard Townsend

YELLOW HILL—N. C. Mikeal, Zeb V. Beshears, C. C. Mikeal

Constitution

CONSTITUTION, RULES OF DECORUM, AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

To be governed by the Word of God only. Any church wishing to become a member of this body after examination being found orthodox and sound in the faith and orderly may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

1. Always begin and end each Session with prayer.
2. Admit none as messengers but such as come recommended by letter well authenticated from which they came.
3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot.
4. When a church petitions by letter for admission, if approved of the Moderator is to inform the messengers that their request is granted and desire them to take seats.

5. All who have anything to offer are to rise and address the Moderator.

6. While one is speaking the others are to be silent, yet all have a right to speak in turn.

7. No partiality, or, respect of person is to be used, or shown.

8. Every matter should be canvassed with gravity, modesty and a sincere aim after truth.

9. When all are not agreed the matter may be put to a vote and a majority to determine.

10. All queries sent by the churches should be answered if expedient.

11. All matters proposed relative to the general good of the churches should be seriously attended to.

12. The transactions of the Association shall be sent to all the churches in the Confederation with which may be sent a circular letter if thought expedient.

13. Every transaction should be conformable to the revealed will of God.

14. By the Association the churches may have such doubts as arise among themselves cleared which will prevent disputes. Acts 15th ch. 28th v.

15. They will be furnished with salutary councils. Prov. 11:14.

16. The Churches will be more closely united in proving the cause of Christ.

17. A member who is aggrieved through partiality or any other wrong received by the church may have an opportunity of applying for dissection.

18. A Godly and sound Ministry will be encouraged while a ministry that is unsound and ungodly will be discountenanced.

19. There will be a reciprocal communion of these gifts Phil. 4:15.

20. Ministers may be sent out to preach the Gospel to those that are destitute. Gal. 2:9.

21. A large party may draw off from the church by means of an intruding minister, or, otherwise and the aggrieved may have no way of obtaining redress but from the Association.

22. A church may become heretical with which her Godly members can no longer communicate, yet can not obtain any relief; but by the Association.

23. Contentions may arise between the sister churches which the Association is most likely to remove.

24. The churches may have candidates for the ministry properly tried by the association. These and other advantages arising from an association must induce every Godly church to desire union with such a body; but should any stand off; it would argue much

self sufficiency and little, or, no desire after the unity of the Spirit as mutual edification.

1. We believe in one only true living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by his own ability.

4. We believe that Salvation is only by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are Ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ and should be practiced by all true believers.

6. We believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion and that true believers are the only subjects.

7. We believe in the final perserverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

9. We believe that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the unrighteous will both be eternal.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stony Fork Baptist Association met at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church for its Eighty-fifth Annual Session.

Tuesday Morning

1. The Session was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation" and the devotional was conducted by Rev. R. C. Eggers. Text from Isaiah 53.

2. Mr. N. L. Harrison welcomed the visiting churches and then they proceeded with the election of officers. Rev. Marshall Watson was elected Moderator and William Brown Clerk and Treasurer.

3. The order of business was read and the Association voted the Moderator power to make any changes necessary.

4. Address of the Moderator and Roll Call. Most of the churches were represented.

5. Recognition of visitors was next made and the following visitors were welcomed: Rev. A. G. Buchanan of Mitchell County Association, Rev. J. C. Canipe of Three Forks Association, Rev.

J. E. Crump, Hudson, N. C.; Claude F. Gaddy of Raleigh Association, J. E. Miller, Field Representative Meredith College, Raleigh, Rev. Tom Lawrence, Baptist Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Milard Day of Three Forks Association.

6. J. E. Miller and Claude F. Gaddy made very interesting talks on "Christian Education."

7. The Association empowered the Moderator and Clerk to appoint the necessary Committees and the following appointments were made:

Nominations --- G. W. Gragg, General Watson, I. H. Henderson
Time, Place,

Preacher ----- N. L. Harrison, Jasper Green, J. C. Canipe

Resolutions ----- J. Merritt Coffey, James Dillard

8. Annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Ashley. Text from Malachi 3:7: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

9. The Association opened the doors for the reception of new churches and Happy Valley Church came forward to join. It was moved and seconded that the letter be received and Rev. W. D. Ashley, Rev. R. C. Eggers, and N. L. Harrison were appointed as examining committee.

10. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1945

Total amount paid in by churches, 1945	\$50.53
Public Collection	7.35
Grand Total	\$57.88
Spent for printing of minutes for 1945	\$38.00
Due Clerk from previous year	3.12
Clerk hire	15.00
Postage	1.59
Total spent in 1945	\$57.71
Total left in treasury at end of 1945	\$.17

Respectfully submitted,

William Brown, Clerk and Treasurer

11. After benediction by J. E. Miller the Association adjourned for dinner.

Tuesday Afternoon

12. Devotional and special song was given by Rev. A. G. Buchanan.

13. Report of examining committee was given as follows:

We, the committee on examination of the Articles of Faith for Happy Valley Church, find in Article Five that the wording is not according to the New Hampshire Articles of Faith, therefore we recommend that this change should be made by the church.

Therefore we recommend that this matter be presented to Happy Valley Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. D. Ashley
Rev. R. C. Eggers
N. L. Harrison
Committee.

14 The Association voted that Happy Valley Church be received if the church voted to make the change in Articles of Faith number five as recommended by the committee.

15. Report on Missions by W. J. Cook. Discussed by Rev. J. C. Pipes and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Someone said Missions is our mission.

Jesus said to His disciples and to us just before He went back to Heaven: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, to every Creature."

We Southern Baptists are trying to do a little about the great Commission — We have our state missions, our Home Missions and our Foreign Missions. We support our mission worker through our cooperative program. All our churches ought to give through our cooperative program. God will bless these gifts in carrying the gospel to all the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. W. Cook, Committee.

16. The report on Benevolences was read by R. L. Barnes and spoken to by Rev. R. C. Eggers, N. L. Harrison and Rev. Tom Lawrence, representing the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Under the heading of Benevolences we have work of different phases: The Baptist Hospital, Old Ministers Relief, and the Orphan-

age Homes at Thomasville and Kinston for which we should send a once a month offering.

We recommend that our churches subscribe to "Charity and Children" and that we keep informed as to the work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. Watson

Jud Golds

Committee.

Report adopted.

17. Report on Temperance was given by James Dillard. It was discussed by Rev. W. D. Ashley, Rev. R. C. Eggers, N. L. Harrison, Rev. Tom Lawrence, Rev. Marshall Watson, Rev. A. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Arlie Taylor, Rev. W. J. Cook.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are taught in the Lord's word to be temperate in all things that the Lord has blessed our good.

But as to strong drink the Lord has said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1; also "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:31-32.

We deplore the fact that millions of bushels of grain and hundreds of tons of sugar are being legally made into strong drink, in the face of a starving world.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dillard.

Report adopted.

18. The delegates and viistors were assigned to homes to spend the night and after benediction the Association adjourned.

Wednesday Morning

19. On Wednesday morning after singing the song, "What A Friend," Rev. Theo Hendrix read a Scripture lesson from Psalms 51:1-17 and used as a text "Restore unto me the joys of thy salvation." Brother General Watson led in prayer and the congregation sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," followed by prayer by Rev. J. A. McMillan.

20. The Association welcomed as visitors Rev. J. A. McMillan from Baptist Orphanage, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown from

Three Forks Association and J. L. Hartley from Falls Church, Virginia.

21. The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the most important department in teaching the word to advance God's Kingdom. The children of today are the hope of the future. We have the greatest opportunity to install the teaching of the Bible in the Sunday School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Isenhour,

R. L. Barnes,

Committee.

22. Rev. J. A. McMillan from Thomasville Baptist Orphanage gave an interesting message based upon "The Law of State, Sabbath, and Home."

23. Miss Minnie Day gave an interesting talk on Woman's Work.

24. Digest of Letters was explained by Miss Winifred Hampton and was adopted. N. L. Harrison and R. L. Barnes were appointed as committee to visit the churches not represented.

25. The report on Christian Training was read by Rev. J. A. McMillan and spoken to by William Brown and N. L. Harrison.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

Christian training should begin in the home. Every effort should be made to have all fathers and mothers accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Then should follow training by the church through its Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and more especially the Baptist Training Union.

We recommend the organization of a Baptist Young People Union in every church of the Stony Fork Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. A. McMillan,

Committee.

Report adopted.

26. After benediction the Association adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon

27. Wednesday afternoon the devotional was conducted by R. L. Barnes. Rev. Marshall Watson sang "Wayfaring Pilgrim" and the Association proceeded with the business.

28. Duties of Pastors and Churches was read by F. L. Hampton.

REPORT ON DUTIES OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

The Pastors should be God-Called men. Sound in the Faith and apt to teach, a fair example of the believers, in word and works. Ever desiring to use God's plan in leading his flock.

While the pastor is doing his duty, the church has certain duties too. These are developing and training the young Christians for active church leadership, supporting adequately the pastor and all phases of God's program.

The church membership, if it is to progress, must also be doers of His word as well as hearers.

If our church members are to have the influence in the life of their community, as would be pleasing to God, they must turn from a passive to an aggressive attitude.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Hampton,
J. T. Hendrix.

The report was spoken to by F. L. Hampton, Rev. Theo Hendrix, Rev. W. D. Ashley, I. H. Henderson, Rev. Marshall Watson, and adopted.

29. Report on Resolutions was read and adopted. Rev. Marshall Watson and I. H. Henderson spoke on the subject.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Stony Fork Baptist Association wish to extend our thanks to the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and community for their generous hospitality and kindness to the Association in their 85th Session.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dillard,
J. Merritt Coffey,
Committee.

30. Oral report on Associational Missions was given by Rev. William Brown.

31. The Association voted that F. L. Hampton be Associational Missionary but he did not accept the position.

32. Report on Time, Place and Preacher:

We the committee on time, place and preacher for next term of this Association, recommend Rev. Roscoe Green as preacher and Rev. Theo Hendrix alternate, and the place is Yellow Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Jasper Greene,
N. L. Harrison,
Committee.

Report approved.

33. Report on Religious Literature:

The Bible is the book of all books. We also have Baptist papers such as *Charity and Children* and the *Biblical Recorder* which we recommend. There is a lot of so-called literature coming free—we should not have it in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. Isenhour,
W. D. Ashley,

Spoken to by Rev. W. D. Ashley and adopted.

34. The report on Nominations was read by G. W. Gragg and adopted.

35. Report of Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee met twice during the past year to consider the business of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee
Milton Gragg, Chairman,
J. Merritt Coffey,
N. L. Harrison,
William Brown.

36. Mr. N. L. Harrison gave his report as Associational Sunday School Director.

37. Report on Obituaries was read by R. L. Barnes and adopted.

38. The Executive Committee was appointed by the Moderator to serve for the coming year and accepted by the Association.

39. Report on Finance:

We the committee on finance find the total amount of finance sent in for Clerk hire and minute funds is \$63.83 to which we

recommend that the clerk be paid \$15.00 for his service and the remainder be applied to minute funds.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Hampton,

L. O. Tolbert,

Committee.

This report was adopted and the Association raised an additional amount of \$9.00 to be added to the above minute fund already turned in by churches.

40. After singing "Amazing Grace" and benediction by Rev. W. D. Ashley the Association adjourned.

In Honor of Our Dead

Boone's Fork—Mrs. Mary Gragg, Mrs. Virgie Wright.

Doe Ridge—Mrs. Cozy Lunsford, Elder A. M. Brown.

Laurel Fork—Mrs. Sarah Storie.

Mt. Ephriam—Mrs. Jane Cook Greer.

Mt. Vernon—Mr. M. C. Cook, Mr. W. T. Cook, Miss Martha Martin, Miss Polly Greene, Mrs. Mattie Lou Cook, Mr. Sylvester Jones.

New Hopewell—Mr. Dewey Coffey.

Sandy Flat—Elder B. F. Wilcox, Mr. John Ashley.

Watauga—Deacon Clifford Shook, Mrs. Tempy Barlow, Rev. Sam Keller, Mrs. Orlean Yarber.

Yellow Hill—Mr. Sherman Greene.

R. L. Barnes, Committee.

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains						Losses		Total	Special Information				
				Days of Meeting	Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership		Non-Res. Memb.	Grand Total Pres-ent Membership	Wkly. Pray. Meets?	No. Revivals Held	Spent on Bldg. or Remodeling, Year	Total Value All Church Property
Bailey Camp.....	OC	1938	R. C. Cook, Lenoir, R8.	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	38	13	51	..	..	..	1000
Boone's Fork.....	OC	1872	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	1	4	7	1	2	..	..	50	50	100	..	1	..	2000
Doe Ridge.....	OC	1894	Ronda Earp, Vilas.	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	37	10	47	..	1	12.94	500
Grandmother Gap.....	OC	1932	W. H. Byerley, Lenoir.	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	30	30	30	..	1	..	500
Hopkins Chapel.....	OC	1917	W. H. Byerley, Lenoir.	2	4	..	..	12	..	..	46	46	46	..	1	..	600
Laurel Fork.....	OC	1855	W. J. Cook, Boone, R1.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	128	128	128	..	..	..	500
Laytown.....	OC	1939	Raymond Greer, Lenoir, R5.	1	3	4	2	4	..	..	21	14	45	..	2	..	2500
Mt. Ephriam.....	OC	1876	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	221	221	221	..	1	..	1500
Mt. Paran.....	OC	1886	Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap.	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	50	50	50	..	1	..	1500
Mt. Vernon.....	OC	1866	W. J. Cook, Boone, R1.	2	15	2	..	3	6	..	295	104	399	..	1	..	20000
Mt. View.....	OC	1910	Theo. Hendrix, Hayes.	4	..	..	1	3	..	..	34	34	34	..	1	..	1000
New Hopewell.....	OC	1870	T. R. Shew, Lenoir.	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	85	85	85	..	1	..	1300
Rock Springs.....	OC	1891	Henry Smith, Deep Gap.	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	66	66	66	..	1	150.00	350
Rock View.....	OC	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandy Flat.....	OC	1928	Horace Harris, Lenoir.	3	2	2	1	2	2	..	70	11	81	..	1	..	..
Watauga.....	OC	..	Ronda Earp, Vilas.	3	..	1	1	9	3	..	188	188	188	..	..	..	1000
Yellow Hill.....	..	1855	Theo Hendrix, Hayes.	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	158	158	158	..	1	..	3000
TOTALS.....	..	....	.....	38	14	1	52	18	4137	202	1639	202	1639	..	14	162.94	37350

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPTS. AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll, 3, Under	Beginners, 4-5	Primaries, 6-8	Juniors, 9-12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 and Up	Off. not En. in Classes	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Have Vac. Bible Sch. ?	What Was Enrollm't.	What Was Av. Att. ?
Bailey Camp.....	Vernon Bolick, Lenoir, R3.....	12	15	10	18	23	16	84	54	..	..	..	..	..
Boone's Fork.....	Herman Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	5	8	10	12	20	20	60	35	..	..	..	..	..
Doe Ridge.....	Lloyd Culler, Zionsville, R1.....	..	12	10	..	12	10	44	25	..	..	..	..	..
Grandmother Gap.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopkins Chapel.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Laurel Fork.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Laytown.....	T. H. Triplett, Blowing Rock.....	5	9	8	8	5	10	60	45	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Ephraim.....	Rondah Dillard, Ferguson.....	10	7	6	6	10	6	65	50	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Paran.....	Olen Miller, Triplett.....	..	10	15	10	10	2	70	60	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Vernon.....	Jasper Greene, Deep Gap.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	50	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. View.....	N. L. Harrison, Blowing Rock.....	12	16	21	16	19	14	69	13	180	108	* 30	25	..
New Hopewell.....	Charlie Smith, Deep Gap.....	4	..	..	10	9	7	30	24	..	..	..	..	..
Rock Springs.....	Benson Coffey, Gragg.....	9	6	10	15	10	8	45	..	103	40	..	..	..
Rock View.....	Hamp Triplett, Darby.....	..	..	10	8	..	12	34	35	..	..	..	..	..
Sandy Flat.....	S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	..	9	5	13	11	14	41	..	83	45	* 25	20	..
Watauga.....	Howard Townsend, Banner Elk.....	..	12	15	..	12	20	20	7	86	86	..	..	..
Yellow Hill.....	Coy N. Church, Summit.....	6	17	12	16	20	14	20	..	105	61	..	..	..
TOTALS		51	118	109	122	139	118	233	24	1064	713	..	55	45

TABLE III. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Paid for Year	Incidentals — Janitor, Fuel, Water	Assistant Pastor, Choir Leader	Revival Expenses, Pastoral Supply	Literature	Help For Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Bailey Camp.....	Bob Tolbert, Lenoir, R8.....	179.52	9.00	7.37	12.00	37.56	.....	7.00	.....	14.97	267.22
Boone's Fork.....	J. Merritt Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	232.25	34.82	.....	.....	32.40	15.00	7.50	.....	12.00	383.97
Doe Ridge.....	Kenneth Brown, Boone.....	43.31	.....	.....	15.00	17.28	.....	3.00	.....	.....	128.59
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	16.00	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	32.20
Hopkins Chapel.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont.....	25.00	.....	.....	12.00	15.00	.....	1.08	.....	.....	53.08
Laurel Fork.....	Carnie Storie, Blowing Rock.....	123.75	14.42	.....	.....	30.38	.....	4.00	.....	.....	172.55
Laytown.....	Mrs. C. M. Dillard, Ferguson.....	145.00	.....	.....	40.00	10.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	197.00
Mt. Ephraim.....	C. S. Simmons, Triplett.....	300.00	10.50	.....	50.00	25.00	200.00	5.00	.....	.....	590.50
Mt. Paran.....	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap.....	138.31	.....	.....	89.00	25.00	113.60	4.50	.....	.....	390.41
Mt. Vernon.....	Miss Winifred Hampton, Blcw'g Rock.....	507.79	129.68	33.10	156.08	101.00	237.70	19.25	.....	18.32	1202.92
Mt. View.....	Jud Golds, Deep Gap.....	111.59	2.00	.....	46.43	8.00	8.80	3.00	.....	.....	179.82
New Hopewell.....	.....	207.61	6.00	42.20	.....	.....	101.24	2.00	.....	15.00	374.05
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	130.00	.....	.....	30.00	5.00	15.00	2.00	150.00	.....	332.00
Rock View.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Flat.....	Mrs. S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	221.66	43.92	.....	52.00	32.00	.....	3.50	.....	37.69	390.77
Watauga.....	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk.....	142.79	42.84	6.84	.....	36.88	383.79	4.00	.....	29.00	646.14
Yellow Hill.....	N. C. Mikeal, Summit.....	130.12	20.34	.....	39.50	25.64	74.75	3.00	.....	17.28	310.63
TOTALS.....	.....	2754.70	313.52	47.31	599.21	400.94	1149.83	71.83	150.00	114.26	5651.35

Mt. Vernon has a B. T. U. organization with a total membership of 62.

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, Etc.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Designated to Asso- ciational Missions	Designated to State Missions	Designated to Home Missions	Designated to Foreign Missions	Orphanages (Cash and Merchandise)	Designated to Hospitals	Designated to Red Cross, Foreign Relief	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total for All Missions	Grand Total of All Contributions for All Purposes
Bailey Camp.....	L. O. Tolbert, Lenoir, R3.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	32.00	25.00	.....	77.00	344.22
Boone's Fork.....	J. Merritt Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54.10	27.00	.....	.....	81.00	464.97
Doe Ridge.....	W. B. Culler, Boone, R2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.12	.....	.....	13.12	141.71
Grandmother Gap.....	Roosevelt Gragg, Linville.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.20
Hopkins Chapel.....	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.10	.....	.....	5.10	58.18
Laurel Fork.....	J. G. Storie, Blowing Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.40	.....	.....	.....	60.06	232.61
Laytown.....	Mrs. Nora Dillard, Ferguson.....	.....	5.66	16.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.00	23.00	220.00
Mt. Ephraim.....	W. E. Miller, Triplet.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.00	.....	.....	32.00	622.50
Mt. Paran.....	Rausseau Watson, Deep Gap.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.40	.....	.....	7.40	397.81
Mt. Vernon.....	Miss Minnie Day, Blowing Rock, R1.....	20.00	.....	.....	55.89	341.46	4.81	.....	.....	422.16	1625.08
Mt. View.....	Vonnie Greene, Deep Gap.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	179.82
New Hopewell.....	L. E. Gragg, Gragg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.10	6.00	.....	10.10	384.15
Rock Springs.....	J. T. Woods, Darby.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.00	.....	.....	13.00	345.00
Rock View.....	S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	6.00	.....	31.00	421.77
Sandy Flat.....	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	75.30	721.44
Watauga.....	W. C. Church, Summit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57.31	10.77	7.22	.....	27.00	337.63
Yellow Hill.....	27.00
TOTALS.....	20.00	5.66	16.00	58.39	525.77	184.30	44.22	23.00	877.24	6529.09

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY MORNING

Devotional	9:30— 9:45
Address of Moderator	9:45—10:15
Roll Call of Churches	10:15—10:30
Recognition of Visitors	10:30—10:45
Songs	10:45—11:00
Annual Sermon	11:00—12:00
Noon Recess	

AFTERNOON

Devotional	1:00— 1:15
Sunday School Report	1:15— 2:00
Missions	2:00— 3:00
Benevolence	3:00— 4:00

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional	9:30— 9:45
Recognition of Visitors	9:45—10:00
Duties of Pastors and Churches	10:00—10:30
Christian Training	10:30—11:00
Woman's Work	11:00—11:15
Election of Officers	11:15—12:00
Noon Recess	

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional	1:00— 1:15
Resolutions	1:15— 1:30
Digest of Letters	1:30— 1:45
Religious Literature	1:45— 2:15
Miscellaneous	2:15— 3:00

DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Doc Cox, Chairman	Triplet
G. D. Watson	Deep Gap
Roscoe Greene	Deep Gap
Theo. Hendrix, Moderator	Hays
G. M. Watson, Clerk	Boone

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Sunday School Director	N. L. Harrison, Blowing Rock
B. T. U. Director	W. M. Brown, Blowing Rock
Orphanage Director	F. L. Hampton, Blowing Rock
Hospital Director	Doc. Cox, Triplet

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools -----	N. L. Harrison
Missions -----	W. D. Ashley
Temperance -----	F. L. Hampton
Benevolence -----	S. C. Ford
Duties of Pastors and Churches -----	Coy N. Church
Christian Training -----	J. Merrit Coffey
Digest of Letters -----	Loyd Cullers
Religious Literature -----	W. J. Cook
Resolutions -----	I. H. Henderson
Place and Preacher -----	Doc. Cox
Finance -----	J. T. Woods

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BAILEY CAMP—Vernon Bolick, Bob Talbort, C. S. Ford.
 BOONE'S FORK—J. Merrit Coffey, Mrs. J. Merrit Coffey.
 DOE RIDGE—Kenneth Brown, Loyd Cullers.
 GRANDMOTHER GAP—
 HOPKINS CHAPEL—by letter.
 LAYTOWN—J. M. Dillard, Mrs. J. M. Dillard, Raymond Green,
 Mrs. Raymond Green, W. I. Dillard, Mrs. W. I. Dillard.
 LAUREL FORK—S. C. Ford, Mrs. S. C. Ford.
 MT. EPHRIAM—Doc. Cox.
 MT. PARON—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Watson, Hazel Greene.
 MT. VERNON—N. L. Harrison, F. L. Hampton, Milton Gragg.
 MT. VIEW—Jud Golds, Vonnice Greene.
 NEW HOPEWELL—Agie Gragg, L. E. Gragg, Blain Coffey,
 Earnest Coffey.
 RACKS SPRINGS—J. T. Woods.
 ROCK VIEW—by letter.
 SANDY FLATS—I. H. Henderson.
 WATAUGA—by letter.
 YELLOW HILL—Coy N. Church, N. C. Michael, Z. V. Beshears.

PROCEEDINGS

The Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association met with Yellow Hill Baptist Church for its Eighty-Sixth Annual Session.

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung. Devotional conducted by Rev. Theo. Hendrix, reading Matthew, 5th chapter, verses 1 to 24. Song, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." Prayer by A. C. Yale. G. M. Watson called the association to order.

1st, Proceeded to elect officers. Rev. Theo. Hendrix was elected Moderator, G. M. Watson, Clerk and Treasurer.

2nd, The association voted the Moderator and Clerk power to make any changes necessary.

3rd, Recognition of visitors was then made, and the following were welcomed: A. C. Yale, Stone Mt. Association, Elder Joe Wilcox, Brushy Mt. Association, Elder R. H. Shore, Three Forks Association.

4th, The association empowered the Moderator and Clerk to appoint all necessary committees and the following committees were appointed: Place and Preacher, I. H. Henderson, Jud Golds; Obituary: Milton Gragg; Finance: J. T. Woods, F. E. Hampton.

Song, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." Prayer by Elder Ben Triplett. Annual Sermon was preached by Elder Roscoe Greene. Text: Matthew 5:3, theme, Possessing Heaven Kingdom and The Light of the World.

The letters then were handed in. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Elder W. D. Ashley conducted the devotional, reading the 8th Chapter of Romans. Elder R. H. Shore led in prayer. The association seated for business.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Proverbs 4:23 says "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." If you keep your heart with all diligence, you will surely be temperate in all things. If you hide God's word in your heart as the Bible commands, then it is easy to keep your heart with diligence. Now in order that we do all this mentioned, the Parents' Duty comes in; that is to teach God's word to their children

in youth as the Bible commands. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all necessary things will be added.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. Harrison, Committee.

Read by N. L. Harrison, spoken to by N. L. Harrison, Elder R. H. Shore, Elder Theo. Hendrix, Elder Ben Triplett. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The mission of the New Testament Church: First, tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be imbued with power from on high. Luke 24-48. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth. Acts. 1-8. And repentance and remission of sin should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye are witnesses of these things, Luke 24-47-48, and he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16-15-16, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28: 18-20.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Ashley, Committee

Report on Missions was read by W. D. Ashley. Spoken to by W. D. Ashley and Theo. Hendrix and adopted.

Invitation to visitors, and welcomed Elder W. K. McGhee from Baptist Hospital.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

When we think of Benevolence we think of broad fields of service that embrace our aged ministers, our orphan children and other charitable working—for though our hearts should always be open to the needs of all our work which includes our old preachers, our orphanage, our hospital and all others whom God has entrusted to our care. We urge our churches to give more.

Respectfully submitted,

Jud Golds

G. D. Watson, Committee

Report on Benevolence was read by G. M. Watson. Spoken to by W. K. McGhee, who also introduced the work of the Baptist

Hospital at Winston-Salem. Other speakers were Roscoe Greene and G. M. Watson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The use of intoxicating drink is obnoxious to morality, spirituality, and they that are deceived thereby are not wise. It seems that we are making very little progress to outlaw this evil from our people. We make our appeal to all our churches of the Stony Fork Association to do all they can to subdue this evil.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dillard, I. Dillard, Committee

Report on Temperance was read by G. M. Watson. Spoken to by G. M. Watson, A. C. Yale, Ben Triplett, W. D. Ashley, Theo. Hendrix, N. L. Harrison, and I. H. Henderson.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. D. Ashley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The association met singing "How Firm A Foundation." G. D. Watson led in prayer. Devotional by Elder Roscoe Greene. Scripture reading, Luke, 6th chapter, verses 46 to 49, and led in prayer.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Invitation to visitors, and J. O. Wolton, Liberty Association, was recognized, and brought to the association greetings from Mills Home and an interesting talk on behalf of the orphanage.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

Christian training should start in the home, and we believe more Bible schools in our churches would help our young people to learn more about the Bible. We feel that we should put every effort forth to encourage Bible study more than anything else in our churches. Our mind goes back to Solomon when he said "Train a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Brown, Committee

Ready by R. L. Barnes. Spoken to by R. L. Barnes, and adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT

The Woman's Missionary Society or Union through the Southland has been the hand maiden of the Lord in carrying out the Kingdom commands and work in the world. We would like to persuade the pastors and the women of the Stony Fork Association to organize a Missionary Society in every church. It would be the greatest

blessing to pastors themselves, to the churches and the Kingdom of God and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. Gragg, Committee

Read by Mrs. G. W. Gragg. Spoken to by Mrs. Gragg, Dr. J. O. Wolton, Theo. Hendrix and adopted.

DUTIES OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

We believe that pastors should be Gods called men, sound in the faith, and apt to teach a fair example of the Believer in Word and Works, ever desiring to use God's plan in leading his flock. We believe the pastor should be a shepherd of the flock to lead and advise his members and people in the work, and it is the duty of the Church to support and aid the pastor in all the work of the church. The church membership, if it is to progress, must also be doers of the word as well as hearers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Merrit Coffey, Committee.

Report read by N. L. Harrison. Spoken to by N. L. Harrison, G. W. Gragg, E. L. Michael, Dr. J. C. Piper and Theo. Hendrix and adopted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The association reassembled after enjoying a bountiful repast. Song, "Come Angel Band." Prayer by Dr. J. C. Pipes. Dr. J. O. Wolton conducted the devotional and led in prayer. Moderator called the association to business. J. C. Pipes at this time introduced Earl L. Bradley who brought a wonderful message on missions.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Stony Fork Association, wish to extend our thanks to the Yellow Hill Baptist Church and community for their generosity and kindness to the association in its 86th annual session, and to our ministers for preaching a sound gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Woods, Committee.

Report on Resolutions was read by G. M. Watson. Spoken to by G. M. Watson, A. C. Yale, N. L. Harrison and adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee on Place and Preacher recommends that the 87th session of the association be held with Doe Ridge Church September

17-18, 1948, or on Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday. Annual sermon to be preached by Elder W. D. Ashley. Alternate, Elder Ben Tripltt.

Respectfully submitted,
I. H. Henderson, G. D. Watson, Com.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee met at Blowing Rock May the 3rd, 1947, and agreed on the following recommendations:

1st. That the Happy Valley Baptist Church shall not be further considered as acceptable in the association.

2nd. That the association shall not intrude upon the rites and principles of any church, so long as the church or churches adhere to Bible teachings.

3rd. That any church may have the privilege to keep and observe all the abstracts of principles, old original or rewritten, without interference of the association.

4th. That the Clerk of the association shall wait for the meeting of the Executive Committee before completing his manuscript.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Day, Chairman
Theo. Hendrix
G. D. Watson

Report read by G. M. Watson, and adopted.

FINANCE REPORT

After checking the reports from the different churches of the association we find the churches have contributed for clerk hire and minutes the sum of:

	\$60.79
By Personal Donation	2.00
By Back Funds	1.50
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Total	64.29
Received Extra, Mt. Paran Church	1.00
Yellow Hill Church	3.25
Mt. View Church	1.00
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Total	\$69.54

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Hampton, J. T. Woods, Committee.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Bible is the Book of Books. We recommend that the Bible be taught for our standard first of all, good reading papers such as

the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and other literature, good and wholesome, and of Bible origin.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Beshears, R. L. Barnes, Committee.

Report on Religious Literature finally was presented and read by R. L. Barnes. Spoken to by R. L. Barnes and adopted.

OBITUARIES

Our Dead

BOONES FORK—Mrs. Emma Gragg.
HOPKINS CHAPEL—Mrs. Daniel Coffey.
LAUREL FORK—Mr. Matthew Triplett, Mrs. Sophie Harrison.
LAYTOWN—Mrs. Rufus Dula.
MT. VERNON—Mrs. Martha S. Van Dyke, Mrs. Mary Cook.
NEW HOPEWELL—Mrs. Fannie Gragg, Matilda Boyce.
WATAUGA—Mrs. Zodie Fox.
YELLOW HILL—Mrs. Martha J. Church, Mr. W. A. Payne.

Respectfully submitted,
Milton Gragg, Committee.

At this time a move by G. W. Gragg was made to retain the present Moderator and Clerk for the next session of the association and that the officers be elected just before the noon hour at the next session. It then was submitted to a vote and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1946

Amount in treasury for 1945	\$.17
Amount of funds paid in for 1946	71.83
Total in treasury, 1946	\$72.00
Printing of minutes	\$54.00
Paid Clerk	15.00
Postage and mailing	1.50
Total	\$70.50
Balance in treasury	\$ 1.50

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Brown, Treasurer.

Enjoying one of the best sessions of the association, singing

"Amazing Grace," and taking each other by the hand, closed with benediction by G. M. Watson.

Theo. Hendrix, Moderator.

G. M. Watson, Clerk.

Note—The Executive Committee recommended that Elder W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C., shall be vice-moderator and Elder Roscoe Greene, Deep Gap, associational missionary.

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location	OC-V-T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Dates of Meeting	Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	Losses by Letter	Losses by Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership	Non-Resident Membership	Grand Total	Present Membership	No. Revivals	Spent Building or Remodeling	Total Value of All Church Property
Bailey Camp	OC		1938	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock	4	3			3	1		44	14	58	1	1	1000.00	
Boones Fork	OC		1872	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	1	2			1	1		100	18	100	1	1	2000.00	
Doe Ridge	OC		1894	John Hagaman, Zionville	4				1			29	47			1	16.17	600.00
Grandmother Gap	OC		1932	W. H. Eyerly, Lenoir	2													
Hopkins Chapel	OC		1917	Raymond Hendrix, Boone	4				1	1		44		44	1	1	1878.75	600.00
Laurel Fork	OC		1855	Thomas Watson, R5, Lenoir	3				1	2		125		125	1	1	2378.75	2378.75
Laytown	OC		1939	Ben Triplett, Deep Gap	2		2			1		35	13	46	1	1	2500.00	2500.00
Mt. Ephriam	OC		1876	Roscoe Green, Deep Gap	1	8						223		223	1	1	208.89	1700.00
Mt. Paron	OC		1886	Ben Triplett, Deep Gap	1							58		58	1	1	1000.00	1000.00
Mt. Vernon	OC		1866	W. J. Cook, R1, Boone	4				6	2		178	120	298	2	2	20000.00	20000.00
Mt. View	OC		1910	Ben Triplett, Deep Gap	4		3					38		38	1	1	133.00	1000.00
New Hopewell	OC		1870	Harley Coffey, Lenoir	1	4	2	3	6	2	2	89		89	1	1	200.00	200.00
Rocks Springs	OC		1891	H. H. Smith, Deep Gap	1							66		66	1	1	350.00	350.00
Rock View	OC		1923	Howard Shore, Boone	4							80		80			300.00	300.00
Sandy Flats	OC		1928	M. D. Blackburn, Lenoir	2	3	1		4			48	30	78	1	1	rent	rent
Wauga	OC			Ronda Earp, Vilas	2	10	1		8	1		125	64	189	1	1	395.00	1500.00
Yellow Hill	OC		1855	Theo. Hendrix, Hayes	3	10	2	1	3	2		69	80	149	1	1	2631.71	3000.00
TOTAL						40	13	4	36	12	2	1351	839	1690			2631.71	34128.75

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll—Home Ministry—3 and under	Nursery—Attending Sunday—3 and under	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and up	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance
Bailey Camp	Lank Talbert, Blowing Rock	5	17	14	3	17	23	19	96	59	
Boones Fork	Herman Coffey, Blowing Rock	8	...	3	3	6	12	13	...	34	
Doe Ridge	Loyd Cullers, Zionville .....	...	...	7	6	...	6	7	...	30	
Grandmother Gap .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Etta Coffey, Edgemont	5	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	15	
Laurel Fork	S. C. Ford, Blowing Rock .....	...	9	5	8	8	5	10	...	45	
Laytown	Ronda Dillard, R5, Lenoir	4	...	6	8	16	16	20	68	50	
Mt. Ephriam	Olin Miller, Triplett .....	...	5	5	10	15	15	15	50	60	
Mt. Paron	Jasper Green, Deep Gap .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Mt. Vernon	N. L. Harrison, R1, Blowing Rock .....	...	21	31	31	25	6	63	137	108	
Mt. View	Charlie Smith, Deep Gap	4	...	9	5	...	...	8	...	26	
New Hopewell	Benson Coffey, Gragg	10	13	12	...	6	10	12	...	35	
Rocks Springs	Hami, Triplett, Darby .....	...	...	12	8	...	...	10	...	35	
Rock View .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandy Flats	A. B. Craig, Blowing Rock .....	...	6	8	21	11	17	27	...	45	
Watauga	Hawdord Townsend, Banner Elk .....	...	12	15	12	20	...	20	...	86	
Yellow Hill	Coy N. Church, Summit	4	3	14	12	15	20	8	38	68	
TOTAL .....	...	36	7107	129	131	153	106	268	451	716	

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

Mt. Vernon: W. M. Brown, Blowing Rock, director; 1 Adult Union, 15 enrolled; 1 Intermediate Union, 32 enrolled; 1 Junior Union, 20 enrolled; total organizations, 3; total enrolled, 67.

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Incidentals — Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Assistant Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Literature — Quarter- lies, Church Paper, Song Books, etc.	Help for Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund (Am't. Given Asso. Year)	Other Objects	Total Given For
Bailey Camp	Bob Tolbert, R8, Lenoir	267.82	...	9.00	91.83	20.36	38.00	5.00	...	...	432.01
Boones Fork	Mrs. C. E. Coffey, Blowing Rock	132.08	30.94	...	19.30	15.00	...	7.50	...	7.50	212.32
Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown, Boone	82.70	4.47	...	23.00	13.25	...	3.00	...	...	126.42
Grandmother Gap	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont	52.00	...	...	...	3.00	...	1.45	...	...	56.45
Laurel Fork	Connie Story, Blowing Rock	131.98	...	...	...	38.68	15.00	3.00	1990.20	...	2178.86
Laytown	Mrs. Nora Dillard, R5, Lenoir	150.00	10.00	...	50.00	12.00	...	3.00	...	...	225.00
Mt. Ephriam	Bob Hodges, Triplet	250.00	208.39	...	76.88	38.00	35.00	5.00	...	...	505.50
Mt. Paron	G. D. Watson, Deep Gap	144.12	...	...	40.00	...	49.50	2.00	65.00	...	300.62
Mt. Vernon	Winfred Hampton, Blowing Rock	449.01	144.57	105.83	178.55	122.67	12.84	25.87	84.88	...	1124.22
Mt. View	Mettie Golds, Deep Gap	112.82	5.00	...	29.75	8.00	39.89	3.00	...	...	198.44
New Hopewell	L. E. Gragg, Gragg	148.30	63.29	32.18	56.00	15.00	52.98	3.00	...	...	370.75
Rocks Springs	J. T. Woods, Darby	113.25	...	...	48.50	6.40	...	2.00	...	...	170.15
Rock View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandy Flats	S. T. Icehour, Blowing Rock	225.30	39.00	...	29.26	28.00	...	3.00	...	...	324.56
Waunga	Otha Andrews, Banner Elk	260.36	48.50	...	104.00	23.49	274.30	4.00	...	...	714.65
Yellow Hill	N. C. Michael, Summit	194.66	61.80	...	103.75	31.81	74.11	2.00	...	7.28	474.91
TOTAL	...	2714.40	616.46	147.01	850.82	376.16	578.78	59.79	2081.07	99.66	8415.86

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, Etc.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Gifts to Co-op. Pro- gram, United Budget	Designated to Foreign Missions	Orphanages (Cash and Est. Value of Mer- chandise, Clothg, etc.	Designated to Hospitals	Designated to Red Cross, Foreign Relief	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Grand Total of All Contributions for All Purposes
Bailey Camp	Vernon Bolick, R8, Lenoir	.....	.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....	70.00
Boones Fork	Mrs. C. E. Coffey, Blowing Rock	.....	.....	38.00	6.00	.....	.....	44.00
Doe Ridge	Lloyd Culler, Zionville	.....	.....	4.40	1.64	.....	.....	.....
Grandmother Gap	Mrs. Sherman Coffey, Edgemont	.....	.....	.....	11.70	.....	.....	11.70
Hopkins Chapel	J. G. Storle, Blowing Rock	.....	.....	62.67	.....	.....	.....	62.67
Laurel Fork	Mrs. C. M. Dillard, R5, Lenoir	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laytown	V. C. Cox, Triplett	.....	.....	.....	19.73	50.00	.....	69.73
Mt. Ephraim	Russaw Watson, Deep Gap	.....	.....	45.65	3.10	.....	.....	48.75
Mt. Faron	Minnie Day, Blowing Rock	.....	.....	557.41	20.73	46.25	51.81	676.01
Mt. Vernon	Vonnie Greene, Deep Gap	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	4.00
Mt. View	L. E. Gragg, Gragg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hopewell	J. T. Woods, Darby	170.15	.....	.....	5.00	.....	20.00	195.65
Rocks Springs	C. E. Hodges, Triplett	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock View	S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock	.....	.....	5.00	6.55	.....	.....	11.55
Sandy Flats	Mrs. Otha Andrews, Banner Elk	.....	5.33	59.58	.....	.....	.....	64.91
Watauga	W. C. Church, Summit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL		170.15	5.33	777.71	113.45	96.26	71.81	1252.97

SUMMARY TABLE

CHURCHES	Year Organized	Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Present Membership	No. Revivals	Total Enrolled	VBS Enrollment	Unions, Story Hours	Total Value all Church Property	Total Build'g. Res'tve Funds on hand	Pastor's Salary	Total local church expense including pastor's salary	Total for All Missions
Bailey Camp	1938	3	...	58	1	96	...	...	1000.00	...	267.82	432.01	70.00
Boones Fork	1872	2	...	100	1	34	...	...	2000.00	...	132.08	212.32	44.00
Doe Ridge	1894	...	...	47	1	30	10	...	600.00	...	82.70	126.42	6.04
Grandmother Gap	1932	...	...	44	...	15	...	...	600.00	...	52.00	55.00	11.70
Hopkins Chapel	1917	...	...	44	...	15	...	...	600.00	...	52.00	56.45	11.70
Laurel Fork	1855	...	...	125	60	...	...	...	1990.20	...	131.98	2178.86	62.67
Laytown	1939	...	2	46	68	...	...	...	...	...	150.00	225.00	...
Mt. Ephraim	1876	...	...	223	1	60	...	...	225.89	...	250.00	505.50	69.73
Mt. Paron	1886	8	...	58	1	50	...	...	100.00	65.00	144.12	362.62	48.75
Mt. Vernon	1866	...	...	298	2	187	69	67	20000.00	20.49	449.01	1124.22	676.01
Mt. View	1910	...	3	38	1	26	...	...	1000.00	133.00	112.82	198.44	4.00
New Hopewell	1870	4	5	89	1	35	...	...	1200.00	...	148.30	370.75	...
Rocks Springs	1891	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	113.25	170.15	25.50
Rock View	1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600.00	90.00	225.20	324.56	...
Sandy Flats	1928	3	1	78	1	90	...	...	...	...	225.20	324.56	11.55
Watauga	1855	10	1	189	1	86	...	...	...	25.00	260.36	714.65	64.91
Yellow Hill	1855	10	3	149	1	68	...	...	...	...	194.66	474.91	...
TOTAL	.....	40	15	1586	12	955	79	67	23916.09	333.49	2766.30	7531.86	1106.56

There is \$35.00 not mentioned in the above paid to Rev. D. M. Wheeler for Missionary work.





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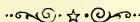
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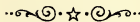
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Order of Business**TUESDAY MORNING**

Devotional	9:30— 9:40
Address of Moderator	9:40— 9:45
Welcome Visitors, Invite churches to Asso. Membership	9:45—10:00
Sunday School	10:00—10:30
Hospital	10:30—11:00
Report of Executive Committee	11:00—11:15
Annual Sermon	11:15—12:00
Noon Recess	

AFTERNOON

Devotional	1:00— 1:15
Benevolence	1:15— 1:45
Missions	1:45— 2:15
Duties of Pastors	2:15— 2:30
Duties of Churches	2:30— 2:45
Christian Training	2:45— 3:15
Miscellaneous	3:15— 3:30
Song and Adjournment	

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional	9:30— 9:45
Religious Literature	9:45—10:00
Temperance	10:00—10:30
Woman's Missionary Union	10:30—10:45
Election of Officers	10:45—11:00
Associational Missionary Report	11:00—11:15
Sermon (By Pastor of Host Church)	11:15—12:00
Noon Recess	

AFTERNOON

Devotional	1:00— 1:15
Obituaries	1:15— 1:30
Place and Preacher	1:30— 1:45
Resolutions	1:45— 2:00
Baptist Training Union	2:00— 2:15
Finance	2:15— 2:30
Miscellaneous	2:30— 3:00

This Order of Business may be changed as Association feels necessary.

Directory

(All Addresses herein are in North Carolina unless otherwise indicated)

Moderator, Theo. Hendrix	Hayes
Clerk, G. M. Watson	Boone

Executive Committee

F. L. Hampton, Chm.	Blowing Rock
J. Merritt Coffey	Blowing Rock
J. G. Storie	Blowing Rock

Nominations

Sunday Schools	Rep.	N. L. Harrison	Blowing Rock
Hospital	Rep.	N. L. Harrison	Blowing Rock
Orphanage	Rep.	S. C. Ford	Blowing Rock
B. T. U.	Rep.	W. M. Brown	Blowing Rock

Standing Committees to Report Next Session

Sunday Schools	N. L. Harrison
Hospital	N. L. Harrison
Missions	J. Merritt Coffey
Benevolence	Coy N. Church
Duties of Pastors	Theo. Hendrix
Duties of Churches	Bob Talbert
Religions Literature	Mrs. Nora Dillard
Temperance	C. J. Icenhour
Christian Training	J. T. Woods
W. M. U.	Mrs. G. D. Watson
B. T. U.	W. M. Brown
Place and Preacher	R. L. Barnes
Obituaries	Kenneth Brown
Resolutions	J. M. Dillard
Finance	G. M. Watson

These Committees may be added to as may seem best. But all these are urged to write their report and bring or send them to the Association so no delay will hinder the work.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock
Mt. Vernon	W. M. Brown	
.....	W. J. Cook	Boone
Yellow Hill	J. W. Church	Summit
.....	N. C. Beshears	
Mt. Ephraim	Lonnie Corlton	Triplett
Mt. Paron	Rosco Green	Deep Gap
.....	G. M. Watson	Boone
Sandy Flats	R. L. Barnes	Boone
New Hopewell	Harley Coffey	Lenoir
Mt. View	Theo. Hendrix	Hayes
.....	Ben Triplett	Deep Gap

List of Messengers**Bailey Camp—**

Ira Ford
Alfred Ford

Boone Fork—

J. Merritt Coffey
Mrs. Flora Coffey,
Sam Day

Grandmother Gap—**Hopkins Chapel—**

By Letter

Laurel Fork—

By Letter.

Laytown—

J. M. Dillard
I. I. Dillard,
C. M. Dillard
Zora Dillard
Rosetta Dula

Mt. Ephraim—

Lonnie Carlton

Mt. Paron—

Jasper Greene
Reed Greene
Dallas Watson

Mt. Vernon—

N. L. Harrison
F. L. Hampton
Miss Winfred Hampton

Mt. View—

Charlie Smith
Judd Golds
Frank Wood
Fred Watson

New Hopewell—

L. E. Gragg
Ray Gragg
Spencer Coffey

Rock Springs—

Hamp Triplet
Amelia Dula
Charlotte Dawson

Rock View—

Missionary Report

Sandy Flats—

C. J. Icenhour
I. H. Henderson

Watauga—

By Letter

Yellow Hill—

N. C. Michael
C. N. Church
F. L. Tomlison



PROCEEDINGS

88TH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 1949

The 88th Annual Session of the Stony Fork Baptist Association met with Mt. Paron Baptist Church September 13-14, 1949.

Song, "The Old Account was Settled." Prayer by Rev. C. J. Younce. Song, "Where the Soul Never Dies." Devotional conducted by C. J. Younce, reading Ephesians 5:1-9, and commenting on same. Prayer by W. D. Ashley. Song, "The Wayfaring Pilgrim."

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the Associational letters handed in and referred to Committee on Digest of Letters. The Clerk then called the Roll and marked the absentees. Visitors were invited to seats. Dr. Zeno Wall of Mills Home was welcomed. The Association then moved to give Dr. Wall time for his address pending the report on Orphanage. The Association then empowered the Moderator and Clerk to make all temporary appointments.

Song, "While the Years Roll On." Time for the Annual Sermon. Rev. W. M. Brown, the appointee, being absent, Rev. Rosco Greene, the alternate, brought the message, using as his text, Matthew 28:15-17, theme being "Going." It was a helpful message. Afterwords Dr. Zeno Wall spoke on "Compelling Grace." Song, "We Shall Rise."

Adjourned for the noon hour. Prayer by C. J. Younce.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled at one o'clock with Moderator in chair. Song, "When Our Lord Shall Come Again." Prayer by Theo. Hendrix. Devotional by W. D. Ashley, reading the 40th Psalm and briefly discussed it. Prayer by Rosco Greene. Song, "Precious Memories."

Report on Missions was not present. J. C. Pipes was asked to prepare a report. The same was spoken to by J. C. Pipes.

Report on Missions

Missions is the message of the Bible. If Jesus commanded anything, He commanded us to be missionaries. In Matthew 28:19,20, He said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." In Mark 16:15 He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In Acts 1:8, He said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and

ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." These commandments are plain and unmistakeable. They are the mission message to us for all time. Down thru the centuries Baptists to some degree have sought to obey these words. They have grown from a small number in our land to number millions. They believe that Jesus is seeking to save a lost world and He must reach all men with His Gospel through His disciples. This is missions. The best plan yet devised to carry out this mission of the church by Southern Baptists is the Co-operative Program. Through this program we can contribute our means in any amount, and be assured we are having a part in preaching the gospel to the whole world.

We urge all our churches to obey Jesus in these great commandments to be missionaries, and to carry this gospel to all the world. Thus we may be assured of His continued presence with us all the days to the end of the world.

J. C. Pipes . }
W. D. Ashley } Com.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by N. L. Harrison. It was spoken to by N. L. Harrison, G. M. Watson, Zora Dillard, Theo. Hendrix, F. L. Hampton, Charlotte Dawson, and I. H. Henderson. The report was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools

We recommend that we have an organized Sunday School and well organized lessons. This is one way to establish our goings. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." Since Sunday School is the teaching agency of the church, what else would we think of doing. One of the greatest mission fields of the churches is Sunday Schools. Can all our goings be established without our Sunday Schools.

N. L. Harrison, Com.

Report on Duties of Pastors and Churches was read by J. Merritt Coffey. Report spoken to by C. M. Watson, N. L. Harrison, W. D. Ashley, and adopted.

Duties of Pastors and Churches

We believe that pastors should be men called of God; men that are sound in faith, apt to teach and preach the true Word of God to His people and to all that will hear him. We believe the church should be a body of true believers, sound in faith, willing and ready to be led by the Spirit of Almighty God.

Supporting their pastor and aiding in all the work of the church. We would like to see the churches take a greater interest in the work of our Lord and Master.

J. Merritt Coffey, Com.

Moved to adjourn, to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 oclock.

Dismissed with prayer by W. D. Ashley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 14

Song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer by Jasper Greene. Devotional by C. J. Younce, reading II John 1-4. The Moderator, being in the chair, called the Association to order. Visitors invited to seats.

W. K. McGhee, of Baptist Hospital of Winston-Salem, Raymond Hendrix, D. M. Welborn, Elster Greene, W. M. Shirley, S. C. Eggers of the Three Forks Association were recognized.

Report on Christian Training was read by Minnie Day. It was spoken to by Minnie Day, Zora Dillard. N. L. Harrison, S. C. Eggers, Theo. Hendrix, and Raymond Hendrix. The report was adopted.

Report on Christian Training

God through Moses instructed the children of Israel to teach the Law of God to their children morning, noon and night, both by word and precept. Solomon of old said, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Christ in His great commission said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The law, the instructor of wisdom, as well as the great commission of Jesus are as applicable to the present generation as when first given. The fundamental agencies are the home the children are brought up in begins the Christian training or otherwise, also the church with its gospel messages, Bible schools, training unions, together with our Christian Schools.

Minnie Day, Com.

Report on Benevolence read by R. L. Barnes, and spoken to by R. L. Barnes, C. J. Younce, Dr. W. K. McGhee, Russau Watson, Mrs. E. D. Watson, and Theo. Hendrix. Report adopted.

Report on Benevolence

Benevolence: Our most important duties is to look after our old ministers by making gifts to the Relief and Annuity Board, our Orphanage and Hospital in Winston-Salem. We should give as God has prospered us, and above all in prayer, remembering that God has greatly blessed.

C. J. Younce }
R. D. Greene } Com.
R. L. Barnes }

At this time the term of the present officers expired. It was moved by N. L. Harrison that Theo. Hendrix be elected Moderator by acclamatlon. Minnie Day put in nomination for Clerk Douglas Harrison, and moved he be elected by acclamation; the same being done without an action of the

body to suspend the rules of the Association so as to make the election of officers elected legal. In these matters, or any matter the Association must first have moved to suspend the rules and carry on otherwise.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled at 1 o'clock. Song, "Watching you," and "There is a Fountain." Devotional by Raymond Hendrix, reading psalm 107:1-9. Theme of discussion, "Work of Our Fathers." Prayer by C. J. Younce.

Report on Finance by F. L. Hampton.

Received for Minutes and Clerk hire for year 1949-----	\$41.15
Brought forward from 1948-----	55.00
Total-----	\$96.15

F. L. Hampton, Com.

Report on Temperance read by F. L. Hampton, It was spoken to by F. L. Hampton, Raymond Hendrix, G. M. Watson, Theo. Hendrix, and Dallas Watson.

Report on Temperance

When we speak of temperance we not only mean strong drink, but, "When thou sitteth to eat with a ruler consider dilligently what is set before thee." Any people who advocate the sale, use and practice of strong drink is surely blinded spiritually just like the rich man, who in Hell lifted up his eyes. We have recently been called upon in Watauga County to see if we were dry or wet, saints or sinners. So we found a few wets, and before they can ever hope to be dry they will have to get a good case of old time religion. Let us stop and think of Jesus' warning, "and take heed to yourself lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life, and so that day comes upon you unaware" (Luke 21:34). We are commanded to be temperate in all things. Let your moderation be known to all men for the day of the Lord is at hand, (Phil. 1:4-5).

F. L. Hampton, Com.

Report on W. M. U. was read by Zora Dillard, who also spoke to it. The report was adopted.

Report on W. M. U.

The Bible teaches that without a vision the people perish. The Woman's Missionary Union throughout the Southland has been one of the greatest assets to the churches and the Kingdom work. Through this organized work they receive information concerning our mission work in the various mission fields. Not until the people are informed can we hope to accomplish great things. We would

like to persuade all our women of the Stony Fork Association to organize a Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Zora Dillard

Report on Place and Preacher was read by Raymond Hendrix.

Your Committee on Place and Preacher recommend that the 89th Session of the Stony Fork Baptist Association be held with Rock Springs Baptist Church September 12-13, (or Tuesday after second Sunday) 1950.

Annual Sermon to be preached by Rev. R. L. Barnes; alternate, Rev. G. M. Watson.

Rock Springs Church is in Wilkes County on the waters of Yadkin Elk. P. O., Darby, about 8 miles West of Elksville, N. C.

I. H. Henderson }
H. F. Triplett } Com.

Report on Resolutions read by N. L. Harrison, and spoken to by N. L. Harrison, and F. L. Hampton.

Resolutions

To all the people of Mt. Paron Church and neighbors of the community: Thank you for the good way you have entertained the Association and for the sumptuous meals.

N. L. Harrison, Com.

Appointment of Executive Committee:

F. L. Hampton, Chm.	Blowing Rock
J. Merritt Coffey	Blowing Rock
J. G. Storie	Blowing Rock

Report of Associational Missionary was read by G. M. Watson.

Supplied for Rock View Church. Received for service from:

Rock View	\$25.00
Rock Spring	20.00
Laytown	9.80
Total	\$54.80

G. M. Watson, Missionary

Report on Religious Literature read by C. J. Younce, and spoken to by C. J. Younce, J. L. Miller, Lewis Watson, and Zora Dillard. The report was adopted.

Report on Religious Literature

Will recommend first of all the Bible, because of its divine teachings, it is the Book of all books, and should be the highest standard in our library. And we should be careful too, of the kind of literature our children read. Literature that will not harmonize with the Bible is detrimental to our children.

Kenneth Brown }
C. J. Younce } Com.

Report on Obituaries. Dedicated to our members who have passed to the great beyond since our last Session.

Mt. Vernon—

Mrs. Elijah Harrison

Mr. Jones Elrod

Mt. Paron—

G. D. Watson, Deacon

Mt. Ephraim—

Dalton Greer

Rock View—

Clarence Brayhill

Rock Spring—

Mrs. Oma Hawkins

New Hopewell—

Haywood Haltey

Yellow Hill—

Mrs. Fany Fletcher

The Association elected N. L. Harrison Hospital Representative, along with his Sunday School work.

This completing the work of the present session—it was moved to adjourn to meet with Rock Springs Baptist Church September 12-13, 1950.

Closing Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

Theo. Hendrix, Moderator

G. M. Watson, Clerk

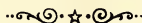


Table A: Church and Membership Story Fork Baptist Association of N. C. Year Ending September 1949

CHURCHES		PASTORS AND ADDRESSES														
Location, OC, V, T, C	Date Organized	Dates of Meetings (Sundays)	Raptisms													
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
			Gains	Loss	Total					Special						
1 Bailey Camp	OC	1928	2	4	R. H. Shore	Blowing Rock	8									
2 Boones Fork	OC	1872	4		Rosco Greene	Deep Gap										
3 Doe Ridge	OC	1894	1	3	John Hagaman	Zionville	3									
4 Grandmother Gap	OC	1932														
5 Hopkins Chapel	OC	1917			No Pastor											
6 Laurel Fork	OC	1855	1	3	Raymond Hendrix	Boone	8									
7 Laytown	OC	1939	1		Thomas Watson	Rt. 5, Lenoir	4									
8 Mt Ephraim	OC	1876	2		Theo. Hendrix	Hayes										
9 Mt. Paron	OC	1886	1		Rosco Greene	Deep Gap										
10 Mt. Vernon	OC	1866	1		W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock	19	3								
11 Mt. View	OC	1910	4		C. J. Younce	Rt. 1, West Jefferson	18									
12 New Hopewell	OC	1870	1	2	Ned Huges	Spruce Pine	25	8								
13 Rock Springs	OC	1891	2		Walter Dula	Rt. 5, Lenoir	1									
14 Rock View	OC	1923	4		Work By Missionary											
15 Sandy Flats	OC	1923	1		R. H. Shore	Blowing Rock	6									
16 Watauga	OC		1		John Hagaman	Zionville	1									
17 Yellow Hill	OC	1855	3		Rosco Greene	Deep Gap	16									
						TOTALS	109	24								
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Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C.

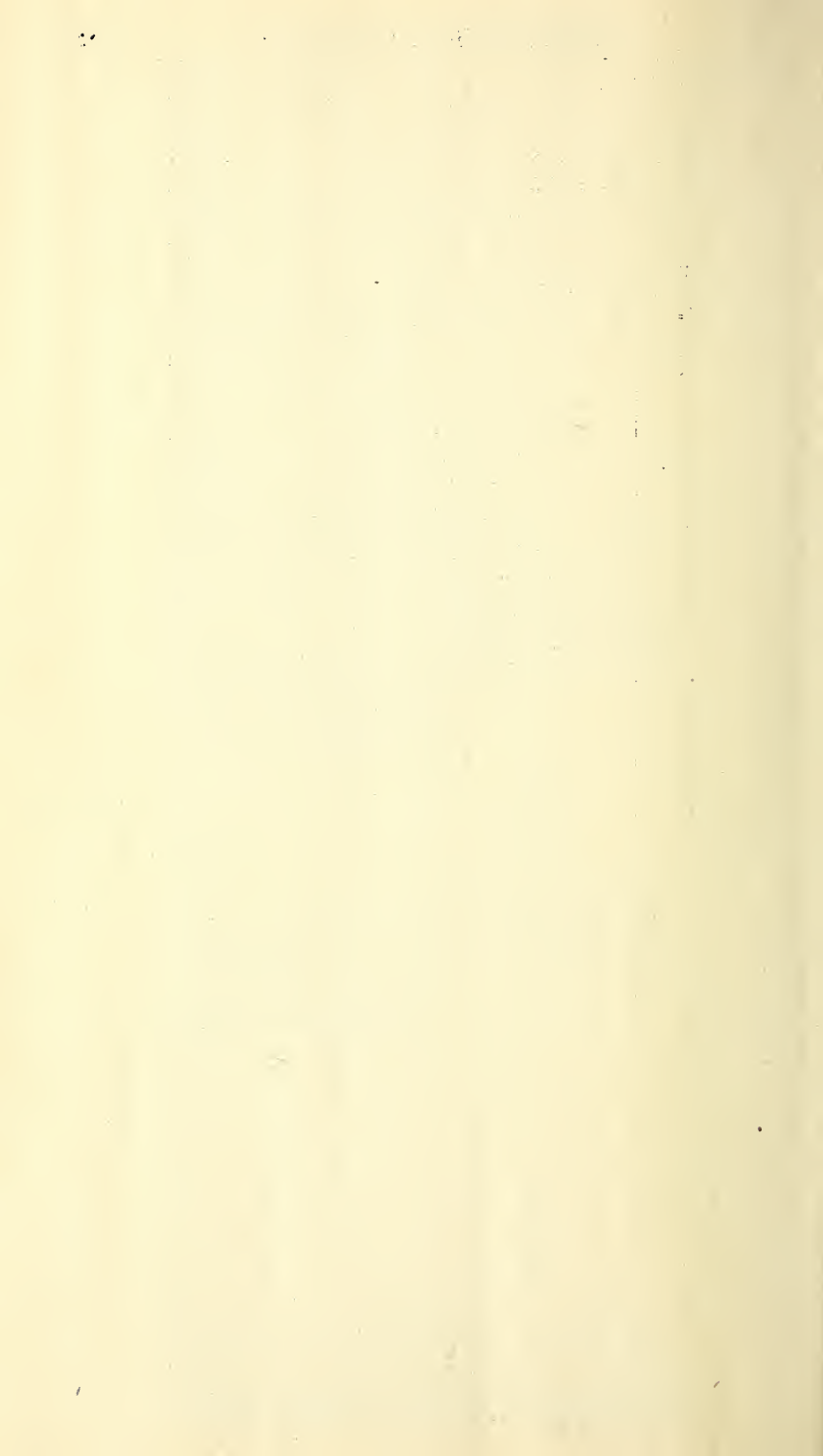
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Table B: Sunday School

CHURCHES			Sunday School Enrollment												V.B.S.			
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES			No. Mission S. S.	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers Not Counted	Mission S. S. Enrollment	Grand Total	S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	V. B. S. Enrollment
1	Bailey Camp	Alfred Ford		8	20	12	12	12	12	20	25		5		102	72		
2	Boones Fork	Sam Day	9			3	4	12			18				42	32		
3	Doe Ridge	Kenneth Brown													34	34		
4	Grandmother Gap	No School																
5	Hopkins Chapel	S. C. Ford			10	10	12	17	12						80	62		
6	Laurel Fork	Blake Coffey		3	5	10	14	21							58	35		
7	Laytown	Lonnie Carlton			10	8	10	15	20	12					75	60		
8	Mt Ephraim	Spencer Miller			25	24	33	33	14	60					50	30		
9	Mt. Paron	D. L. Harrison													189	111	40	32
10	Mt. Vernon	Ross Robbins	5		11		4	1		11			5			32		
11	Mt. View	L. E. Gragg														33		
12	New Hopewell	W. F. Greene			8		12			16			3		39	39		
13	Rock Springs	No School																
14	Rock View	Loyd Coffey		6	6	8	18	12	17	27					90	40		
15	Sandy Flats	Otha Andrews			12	15		20	20	20			7		94	60		
16	Watauga	C. N. Church	4		7	11	18	16	18	38					112	59		
17	Yellow Hill		10	21	117	93	97	68	136	260			20		865	689	40	32
TOTALS																		

Table G: Gifts for All Missions, Education, Orphanage, etc.—Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C.—Year Ending September 1949

CHURCHES														CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES														Co-operative Program (or United Budget)														Asso. Missions														Designated State Missions														Designated Home Missions														Designated Foreign Missions														Schools, Colleges and Seminaries														Orphanage, Total Gifts														Designated Hospitals														Relief and Annuity; Other Objects														Total Mission Gifts														Grand Total for All Purposes (Add Lines 67 and Line 77)														Balance all 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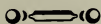


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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS—FOR 1951 SESSION

TUESDAY MORNING SEPT. 11, 1951

9:00 - 9:15	-----Devotional and Roll Call
9:15 - 10:00	-----Organization and Electing Officers
10:00 - 10:15	-----Address of Moderator
10:15 - 11:15	-----Benevolences
11:15 - 12:00	-----Annual Sermon

NOON RECESS

1:00 - 1:15	-----Devotional
1:15 - 2:15	-----Temperance
2:15 - 2:30	-----Digest of Letters
2:30 - 3:00	-----Missions
3:00 - 3:15	-----Religious Literature
3:15 - 3:30	-----Closing Worship

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 12, 1951

9:00 - 9:15	-----Devotional
9:15 - 10:00	-----Snnday Schools
10:00 - 10:30	-----Duties of Pastors and Churches
10:30 - 11:15	-----Christian Training
11:15 - 11:30	-----Place and Preacher
11:30 - 11:45	-----Obituaries
11:45 - 12:00	-----Resolutions

NOON RECESS

1:15 - 1:30	-----Devotional
1:30 - 2:00	-----Woman's Work
2:00 - 2:15	-----Finance
2:15 - 2:30	-----Report of Treasurer
2:30 - 2:45	-----Miscellaneous
2:45 - 3:00	-----Closing Worship

F. L. Hampton
J. G. Storie
J. Merritt Coffey

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech: to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.



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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Theo. Hendrix ----- Moderator
N. L. Harrison ----- Clerk-Treas.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

F. L. Hampton ----- Blowing Rock
J. Merritt Coffey ----- Blowing Rock
J. G. Storie ----- Blowing Rock

NOMINATIONS

B. T. U. Representative ----- Rev. Wm. Brown
Hospital " ----- F. L. Hampton
Orphanage " ----- S. C. Ford
Sunday Schools " ----- N. L. Harrison

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Mt. View ----- Ben Triplett, Theo. Hendrix
Mt. Vernon ----- William Brown, W. J. Cook
Mt. Ephraim ----- Lonnie Carlton
Yellow Hill ----- J. W. Church, N. C. Beshears
Bailey Camp ----- D. M. Wheeler



PROCEEDINGS

STONY FORK

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, DARBY, N. C.

First Day—Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1950—Morning Session

1st. The eighty-ninth annual Session of the Stony Fork Association met with the Rock Springs Baptist Church at Darby, N. C., at 9:00 a. m.

2nd. The Association was opened by singing "There Will Be Shouting," led by Rev. G. M. Watson; prayer by Rev. D. M. Wheeler. Devotional—reading II Corinthians 6:4, and prayer by Rev. Tut Hendrix.

3rd. Then the Moderator, Rev. Theo. Hendrix, called for transaction of business: Rev. Theo. Hendrix was elected Moderator and N. L. Harrison was elected Clerk.

4th. The Moderator was voted powers to appoint all necessary committees.

5th. Roll call, and all the churches first to last reported by letter and delegates, except Rock View.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

BAILEY CAMP—Lank Talber, Verna Balick, Carroll Harmon, Odell Storie, Cisero Ford.

BOONES FORK—J. Merritt Coffey, Sam Day, Charlie Coffey.

DOE RIDGE—Loyd Culler, Kenneth Brown, Walter Culler.

HOPKINS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Coffey, Mrs. Daniel Coffey, Carolyn Coffey.

LAUREL FORK—Frank Ford, S. C. Ford, Arthur Triplett.

LAYTOWN—Mrs. Zora Dillard, Mrs. Betty Triplett, J. M. Dillard.

Mt. EPHRIAM—Lonnie Carlton, V. C. Cox, Virgil Green, Olin Miller.

Mt. PARON—Russau Watson, Tonnie Watson, Spencer Miller.

Mt. VIEW—Jud Golds. Fred Watson, Charlie Smith, Nonnie Greene.

Mt. VERNON—Miss Winfred Hampton, F. L. Hampton, N. L. Harrison.

NEW HOPEWELL—Loyd Gragg, Spencer Coffey, W. R. Crump.

ROCK SPRINGS—Mrs. Pearl Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Woods.

SANDY FLAT—V. H. Henderson, C. J. Icenhour, Frank Craig.

WATAUGA—Atha Andrews, Mrs. A. U. Moody, N. B. Parch.

YELLOW HILL—A. H. Beshears, C. N. Church, W. C. Church.

GRANDMOTHER GAP—Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Gragg.

6th. Address of Moderator, built around "Humility."

7th. Benevolences. 8th. Miscellaneous.

9th. Annual Sermon, Rev. R. L. Barnes. Noon.

Report on Benevolences

Our most important duties are to observe our duties to the Relief and Annuity Board, our Orphanage at Thomasville, our Hospital at Winston-Salem. Also as God has prospered us we should freely give both of our financial means and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. Woods

Tuesday Afternoon

1st. Devotional, Rev. Roscoe Greene.

2nd. Recognized visitors: Rev. Dan Wheeler and Rev. Tut Hendrix.

3rd. Report on Missions by Bro. Sam Day. Spoken to by Bro. Sam Day and Dan Wheeler. Report adopted.

Report on Missions

The "Great Mission Work" is soul winning. And it may be done at home and abroad by helping the needy financially and other ways, both in your own church and any where else, also by your prayers and righteous living and this goes hand in hand as long as we live and God will bless you.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Day

4th. Report on Sunday School by N. L. Harrison. Spoken to by Harrison, Rev. Dan Wheeler, Bros. F. L. Hampton, J. T. Hendrix, and Mrs. C. Dawson. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools

Surely, as never before, every Christian can see the need of making special effort to enroll and teach the Bible in its purity in our Sunday Schools and at the same time be living in such a way so as to win souls for the Master. Let us all strive to hide as much of God's word in our hearts as possible. Every nation and all people prosper when they study God's Word and follow God. Our S. S. is the best place to teach the Word.

Respectfully submitted, N. L. Harrison

5th. Report on Christian Training. Spoken to by Bro. Jimmie Woods and Mrs. V. L. Dillard. Report adopted.

Report on Christian Training

No one can estimate the value of teaching and training the churches give our children and young people. We recommend parents and people every where to take their children to Sunday School and Training Courses in Bible study. By training the child up in the way it should go it will never depart from it.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. Woods

Wednesday Morning

1st. Song, "Where Could I Go; But to The Lord."

2nd. Devotion—Rev. J. T. Hendrix

3rd. Report on Temperance by Bro. C. J. Icenhour, and spoken to by Bros. Icenhour, Dan Wheeler, F. L. Hampton, J. T. Hendrix, Russau Watson, W. R. Miller, W. W. Hendrix, Bob Woods, Theo. Hendricks, and Mrs. C. Dawson. Report adopted.

Report on Temperence

It is the duty of every citizen, especially Christians, to try to make our country a better place in which to live and rear our children. We are faced with public enemy number one, the liquor traffic. We, as Christians, should be on the job more than ever before and teach temperence in our Sunday Schools so our young people can be warned of its evils. We must continue our battle as long as this evil is loose in the world.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. Icenhour

4th. Voluntary report and spoken to by Rev. Dan Wheeler on Associational Missionary work. Adjourned for noon recess.

Wednesday Afternoon

1st. Report on Religious Literature by Mrs. General Watson and spoken to by Mrs. Watson. Rev. Dan Wheeler, Bro. F. L. Hampton and adopted.

Report on Religions Literature

There are two outstanding agencies that can be depended on to promote and select the right kind of literature to build spiritual and moral life—the Christian Home and Church. If these institutions fail, how may we expect either the young or old to meet the problems of life? We recommend a close study of Bible with the literature of our S. S. Board, together with Charity and Children, and also we should have a church library of choice literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. D. Watson, Mrs. F. L. Hampton

2nd. Woman's Missionary work by Sister F. L. Hampton, and spoken to by Sister Hampton and Rev. Dan Wheeler. Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work

While Jesus was here on earth we find women administering to his physical needs, as in the case of Martha, as well as among his band of followers. They were the last at the Cross and the first at the empty tomb and to report the risen Christ. It was the women whom Paul found engaged in a prayer service by the river side.

Today we find bands of women of other Associations uniting their efforts to carry out Christ's great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" (Mat. 28:19). And "ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utter most parts of the earth." (Acts 1:18)

Why not we, the women of Stony Fork Association, band together that we too, may have a part in this, and thru our united prayers, mission study, our means, and by the direction of the Great Spirit, we may also carry out this great commission with more efficiency? "For how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. D. Watson, Mrs. F. L. Hampton

3rd. Our Moderator appointed these Brothers as our Executive Committee: F. L. Hampton, J. Merritt Coffey, and J. G. Storie. Also Moderator left N. L. Harrison as Supt. of S. S., S. C. Ford as Orphanage, representative, and F. L. Hampton Hospital representative.

Kenneth Brown made the following report on Obituary:

(Concluded on page 12)

(All Addresses herein are in North Carolina unless otherwise indicated)

Table 1 Church Membership

Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C. 1950

CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES		Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Other Additions	Losses, Deaths, etc.	Resident Members	Non-resident Members	Grand Total Members	Revivals Held
1 Bailey Camp	1938	Ciel Cook	Globe	1 3	1	1	4	42	19	61	1
2 Boones Fork	1872	Roscoe Green	Deep Gap	2 4	10	1	1	30	78	108	2
3 Doe Ridge	1894	John Hagaman	Zionville	1	3	1	2	31	52	83	2
4 Grandmother Gap	1922			2 4						23	
5 Hopkins Chapel	1917	Horace Pitts	R. 6, Lenoir					35	6	41	2
6 Laurel Fork	1855	Raymond Hendrix	Boone	3	3		1	129	129	1	
7 Laytown	1839	Thomas Watson	Lenoir	1 3		2	33	20	53	1	
8 Mt. Ephraim	1876	Theo. Hendrix	Hayes	3	5	1	5	220	220	1	
9 Mt. Paron	1886	Ben Triplett	Deep Gap	1	5	4	62	199	125	324	1
10 Mt. Vernon	1866	Barney Oliver	Deep Gap	1	13	1	6	41	6	47	1
11 Mt. View	1910	Walter Dula	R. 5, Lenoir	4	6	4	2	72	41	113	2
12 New Hopewell	1870	Ned Hughes	Spruce Pine	1 3	1	4	3	33	30	63	1
13 Rock Springs	1891	Walter Dula	R. 5, Lenoir	2	7						
14 Rock View	1923	Missionary									
15 Sandy Flat	1928	R. H. Shore	Blowing Rock	1			2	30	47	77	1
16 Watauga	1928	John Hagaman	Zionville	1 3	4	4	4	60	40	100	1
17 Yellow Hill	1855	Ralph Miller	Crocket	3			7	73	91	164	1

NOTE: Location of all Churches are "O C." There are no titheers recorded: No paper in budget. For S. S. and V. B. S. Enrolment see Table 2.

Table 2 Sunday Schools

Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C. 1950

CHURCHES		SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES		Cradle Roll										Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	V. B. S. Enrollment
				Odell Storie	Blowing Rock	7	20	17	12	21	25	103	67	42		
1	Bailey Camp			Sam Day	R. 1, Shulls Mills	7	5	4	13	15	44	...	...	...
2	Boones Fork			Kenneth Brown	Boone	7	5	4	13	15	44	...	...	...
3	Doe Ridge			Roosevelt Gragg	Linville	6	6	5	10	8	35	...	...	...
4	Grandmother Gap			Loyd Coffey	Edgemont	4	3	3	3	5	18	13	16	7		
5	Hopkins Chapel			S. C. Ford	Blowing Rock	13	13	17	24	23	80	65	30	...		
6	Laurel Fork			Mrs. I. D. Dillard	R. 5, Lenoir	2	10	8	11	15	11	5	66	...		
7	Laytown			Lonnie Carlton	Triplet	8	7	15	10	6	14	60	50	...		
8	Mt. Ephraim			Spencer Miller	Deep Gap	2	8	7	15	10	6	14	60	50		
9	Mt. Paron			Douglas L. Harrison	Blowing Rock	16	27	30	24	20	64	181	129	55		
10	Mt. Vernon			C. D. Payne	Deep Gap	6	2	8	12	4	5	11	43	20		
11	Mt. View			Benson Coffey	Gragg	11	7	3	13	34	73	38	...	...
12	New Hopewell			R. C. Woods	Darby	10	12	...	...	11	37	34	81	...
13	Rock Springs															
14	Rock View															
15	Sandy Flat			A. B. Gragg	Blowing Rock	6	5	8	15	13	12	64	35	...		
16	Watauga			Atha Andrews	Banner Elk	12	15	15	15	20	83	...	33	...		
17	Yellow Hill			Coy N. Church	Summit	2	7	9	12	16	19	25	97	68		

NOTE: No baptisms from S. S. S. S. Not Graded. No Teacher Training Diplomas.
Mt. Vernon Church Librarian, Winfield Hampton; Choir Leader and Pianist, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayes

Table 3 Gifts for All Missions, etc.

Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C.

1950

CHURCHES		CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Schools	Orphanage	Local Expenses	Hospital	Relief and Annuity	Total Missions	Grand Total
1 Bailey Camp	B. B. Talbert	R. 8, Lenoir	5.20				20.00	20.00	20.00	...	...	45.20
2 Boones Fork	J. Merritt Coffey	Blowing Rock	5.85					87.75	13.50	...	67.80	...
3 Doe Ridge	Lloyd Culler	R. 1, Zionville						23.00	3.50	...	...	...
4 Grandmother Gap	Roosevelt Gragg	Linville	1.25					32.00	...	...	...	...
5 Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey	Edgemont						474.11	22.69	...	...	...
6 Laurel Fork	J. G. Storie	Blowing Rock	83.14					35.20	10.00	...	...	...
7 Laytown	Mrs. C. M. Dillard	R. 6, Lenoir	5.00					89.83	17.00	...	...	...
8 Mt. Ephraim	Marshall Miller	Tripletts	5.60		10.37			40.25	9.73	...	...	...
9 Mt. Paron	Russau Watson	Deep Gap	11.88					200.60	36.00	...	92.54	1469.22
10 Mt. Vernon	Miss Winfred Hampton	Blowing Rock	16.31		27.14			49.08	...	...	65.85	...
11 Mt. View	V. M. Green	Deep Gap						99.15	25.50	...	...	...
12 New Hopewell	L. E. Gragg	Gragg	90.39					31.39	9.00	...	...	...
13 Rock Springs	J. I. Woods	Darby	4.20			57.30				...	...	...
14 Rock View .....										...	...	...
15 Sandy Flat	C. J. Icenhour	Blowing Rock						27.48	...	9.20	10.37	...
16 Watauga	Stewart Berry	Banner Elk					46.19			...	...	...
17 Yellow Hill	W. C. Church	Summit					25.20			...	...	...

Table 4 Church Receipts and Expenditures

Stony Fork Baptist Association of N. C. 1950

CHURCHES	CHURCH TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastors' Salaries	C. O. P.	Orphanage	Hospital	Maintenance	Church Property	State Missions	Literature	Local Missions	Revival Expenses	Church Dept	Other Local Expenses	Total Expenditures
1 Bailey Camp	Vernon Balick	R. 8, Lenoir 239.58	5.00	20.00	20.00	119.75	.....	.....	28.00	17.00	45.00	.....	10.00	384.78
2 Boones Fork	J. Merritt Coffey	Blowing Rock	236.00	.....	13.55	.....	.....	.....	35.75	67.80	87.75	.....	48.98	678.90
3 Doe Ridge	Loyd Culler	R. 1, Zionville .....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	17.00	.....	30.00	.....	23.00	134.04
4 Grandmother Gap	Roosevelt Gragg	Linville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.32
5 Hopkins Chapel	Mrs. Sherman Coffey	Edgemont .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	1.25	32.00	.....	5.55	100.80
6 Lanrel Fork	Carney Storie	Blowing Rock 440.51	.....	.....	23.69	.....	.....	.....	96.00	33.14	.....	115.00	4.74	1181.51
7 Laytown	Mrs. C. M. Dillard	R. 5, Lenoir .....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	16.00	83.20	.....	12.00	254.66
8 Mt. Ephraim	Bob Hodges	Triplet .....	.....	.....	17.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00	32.97	89.83	.....	75.00	864.83
9 Mt. Paron	Mrs. Vance Cook	Deep Gap .....	.....	.....	5.84	9.73	.....	.....	8.00	77.84	40.25	.....	.....	289.29
10 Mt. Vernon	Jud Golds	Blowing Rock 438.02	6.75	200.00	36.00	.....	.....	.....	16.31	239.98	92.54	143.48	.....	1469.22
11 Mt. View	L. E. Gragg	Deep Gap .....	.....	.....	25.50	.....	.....	.....	8.00	65.88	49.08	.....	10.00	243.02
12 New Hopewell	J. T. Woods	Gragg 232.04	.....	.....	9.00	.....	.....	4.20	.....	57.30	99.15	.....	90.39	246.84
13 Rock Springs	C. J. Icenhour	Darby .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	31.89	.....	43.89	201.04
14 Rock View	Mrs. Stewart Berry	Blowing Rock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.43	.....	10.37	230.31
15 Sandy Flat	L. A. Spears	Banner Elk 136.44	.....	46.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.45	.....	58.98	.....	73.54	384.88
16 Watauga .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.19	2.10	.....	.....	.....	640.90
17 Yellow Hill .....	.....	R. 1, Wilkesboro 119.43	.....	.....	.....	170.99	.....	.....	47.60	.....	23.20	.....	.....	.....

Report on Obituaries

Dedicated to our members who have passed to the Great beyond since our last Session: *Rock Springs*—Roy Triplett; *Yellow Hill*—Miss Fannie C. Church; *Mt. Ephraim*—J. P. Cook; *Laurel Fork*—Miss Sarah Hodges; *Mt. Paron*—Mrs. Alice Carroll, *Mt. Vernon*—Bro. G. F. Critcher.

Now report on Resolutions and adopted:

Be it resolved that we, the Stony Fork Association in Conference at Rock Springs Church, tender to this church our sincere and heart-felt thanks and congratulations for their generous spirit and the fine way in which they welcomed and fed this people and we will always remember the extraordinary way you did it.

N. L. Harrison, J. M. Dillard

Report of Finance Committee

Received for Minutes from Churches	\$55.50
Balance from last year	28.15
Total	\$87.65

F. L. Hampton, Comm.

Time, Place and Preacher

Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in Sept., 1951 at New Hopewell Church. Rev. Roscoe Green to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Wm. Brown, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Hampton, C. J. Icenhour. I. H. Henderson

Report on Churches and Pastors

The churches should always pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in calling their pastor, and the pastor serve under the leadership of the Spirit.

Of course the churches should support their pastor both with their prayers and finance and since the church is a Divine institution, it should be careful who and what it receives.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob B. Talbert

Our Session closed with singing and prayer, to meet with New Hopewell Church.



